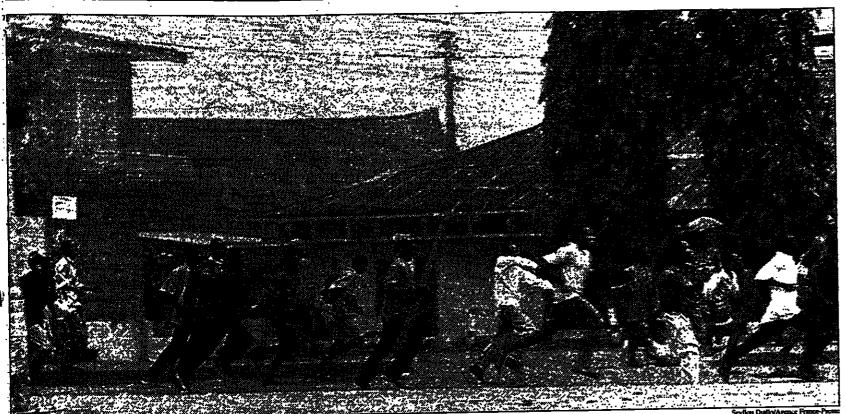


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London, Thursday, July 9, 1998



Nigerians running through the capital, Lagos, on Wednesday during clashes with police after the death of the opposition leader Moshood Abiola.

Britain Plans Defense Cuts and Military Reform

By Warren Hoge

LONDON - Britain said Wednesday that it was reshaping its armed forces o reduce expenditures and meet the increasing need for speedy and flexible

deployment to trouble spots abroad. In plans that will trim \$1.1 billion from the current \$36 billion defense budget over the next three years, Britain will reduce the number of its reserve troops as well as equipment like tanks, warplanes and open-ocean submarines. It also will strengthen its rapid reaction forces with two new super-carriers, battlefield helicopters, amphibious forces and Harrier jump jets. The military will purchase four C-17 transport planes and four roll-on, roll-off container ships to move personnel and equipment to combat sites.

The moves take into account the disappearance of the threat of a Soviet invasion as Europe's principal concern and the emergence in its place of crises like the Gulf War and Bosnia where Britain has been the United States' closest and most militarily dependable ally.

Gerald Segal, director of studies at the International Institute of Strategic Stud-

ies in London, said the announcement "will ensure, at least for a generation, that Britain will rank second only to the United States in deployable modern military power." He added that in recent years "while other European nations have agreed with the United States' purpose to be on the front line, Britain has shown the greatest propensity to act when the U.S. decides to go."

Announcing the reforms to the House of Commons on Wednesday, Defense Secretary George Robertson said the army, havy and air force would be developing ways to join together speedily

to act as peacekeepers and frontline troops. "In the post Cold War world, we must be prepared to go to the crisis, rather than have the crisis come to us,

Paul Beaver of Jane's Defense Weekly, said the strategic review was the most important in Britain in 30 years and answered demands that had been owing over the past decade. "It means if there is a problem in Kosovo which brews up next week, it won't take a month to organize the dispatch of forces

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French Defense Provides a 2-1 Victory Over Croatia

By Christopher Clarey International Herald Tribune

SAINT-DENIS, France - Since the knockout round of this World Cup began, it has been clear that the nost nation's strength is its defense, not its attack. Wednesday night's semifinal was no different, and this time, the French defense even provided the of-

Both of France's goals were scored by the right fullback, Lilian Thuram, and those goals were enough to put France into the final of the World Cup for the first time with a 2-1 victory over

France's opponent in Sunday night's final will be Brazil, which already has won the most prestigious

title in soccer four times. The French have never won it, but no matter what happens in the Stade de France, this French team will stand alone. France reached the semifinals but failed to go further in 1958, 1982

and 1986. But none of those teams had the homefield advantage, and though

By Serge Schmemann
New York Times Service

- JERUSALEM - Every day that

passes without progress toward an Is-

raeli-Palestinian settlement, a probability grows that in 10

months time, probably next May 4. Yasser ANALYSIS

Exactly what that would mean, nobody knows. But Mr. Arafat has

pledged several times to do so, and a growing number of Israeli academics

and commentators regard the prospect

Relations between Prime Minister

Benjamin Netanyahu and Mr. Arafat's Palestinian Authority have deteriorated

to such a degree, some experts say, that

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Israelis Fear That Arafat Will Proclaim a State

French fans are hardly the most enthusiastic in Europe, this team, full of gifted players from diverse backgrounds, has now succeeded in capturing its nation's full attention.

last 16 minutes with only 10 men after the central defender, Laurent Blanc, was ejected from the game for hitting a Croatian defender, Slaven Bilic, with

an open palm. Bilic acted much more wounded by the glancing blow than he could have been, but the Croats, who scored one goal earlier in the second half, could not find a way to put another one past the defense that has been the finest in the world for the last month.

The last threat came in the fourth minute of injury time, and the French goalkeeper, Fabien Barthez, poked the ball over the bar. Moments later, the normally unflappable Barthez was on his knees, covering his face with both hands as his teammates and their fans

France took the lead for the first time See CUP, Page 20

even if the United States could pull off a further Israeli withdrawal and get talks

going, chances are that they would soon

deployment and there is an attempt to

begin final-status talks," said Joseph

Alpher, head of the Jerusalem office of

Alpher, nead of the Jerusalem of the of the American Jewish Committee and an expert on strategic affairs, "given the gap in concept regarding land, the nature of sovereignty and the confidence and credibility gap, I see no chance whatsoever that they'd make

enough progress to justify postponing

simulation of what would happen if a state was proclaimed, the biweekly newsmagazine Jerusalem Report ded-

icated its current cover story to the mat-

ter and the mass-circulation Yediot Ahronot recently published a detailed and chilling scenario based on talks with

Under the hypothetical outline, the

Palestinian declaration of independence

would lead to an eruption of bloodshed,

and the United States would decide not

to stand alone in the United Nations

Against this background, the Israeli

government perceives the upgrading, on Tuesday, of the stams of the Palestine

Liberation Organization observer del-

egation at the United Nations as a test

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against recognition of the new state.

security officials and politicians.

An Israeli think tank recently ran a

what Arafat intends to do."

"Even if there is the second re-



Croatia's goalkeeper, Drazen Ladic, failing to stop Lilian Thuram, who scored his second goal to give France the victory on Wednesday.

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Riots in Nigeria Threaten Wide **Ethnic Conflict**

15 Killed as Military Regime Is Accused of Murdering Abiola

By James Rupert Washington Post Service

ABIDIAN, Ivory Coast - Ethnic riots erupted in several Nigerian cities over the death of the imprisoned Yoruba political leader Moshood Abiola, with at least 15 deaths reported by late Wed-

Mr. Abiola's death Tuesday, of what the government said was a heart attack, has yanked Africa's most populous nation to the edge of widespread ethnic conflict, Nigerian political analysts

In Lagos, crowds of Yoruba youths chanted accusations that the military government — which is dominated by northern, Hausa-speaking ethnic groups — had murdered Mr. Abiola, the military had a property and a street of the stree

itary's most powerful political foe. Rioters attacked Hausa speakers in the streets, and most of the deaths reported were in Hausa-speaking neigh-

Organization, a prominent pro-democracy group. She and other analysts voiced fears that Nigeria could quickly slide into ethnic pogroms such as those that touched off a civil war three de-

cades ago.
The U.S. undersecretary of state. Thomas Pickering, who was meeting Mr. Abiola when he collapsed Tuesday. called on the military government of General Abdulsalam Abubakar for an immediate and "unconditional release of remaining political prisoners" as a first step toward meeting popular de-mands for an end to 15 years of military

Mr. Pickering also pressed the government to meet the Abiola family's requests for foreign doctors to participate in an autopsy in an effort to prove prove theories in Nigeria that Mr. Abiola was murdered.

But Yorubas warned that it may be too late for either step to prevent broader violence. Yorubas, who historically have been underrepresented at the top of Nigeria's government, have been particularly embittered since the armed forces scuttled a 1993 presidential election, just as it appeared that Mr. Abiola

The following year, the military leader, General Sani Abacha, jailed Mr. Abiola for claiming the right to rule

In the past month, after General Abacha died of a reported heart attack, Yorubas had reinforced their demand that Mr. Abiola be named to head a transitional government to usher in civilian rule. The military insisted that Mr. Abiola and his backers would have to give up his claim to rule before they would release him.

'Now there can be 'no resolution that would heal the wound' caused by the armed forces' barring of Mr. Abiola from power, Miss Obe said. "The pentup up frustrations of years are coming come to roost."

Among Yoruba and pro-democracy colleagues, she said, "the nearest comparison anyone can draw to this is 1966," when ethnic tensions led to fighting and pogroms among the country's three main communities - Hausa speakers, Yorubas and Ibos. The conflicts led Ibos to secede the following year as the state of Biafra, igniting a war that killed an estimated 600,000 to 2

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In Cyberwar, "The violence has taken on an ethnic character," said Ayo Obe, a Lagos attorney who heads the Civil Liberties Organization a prominent of the control of the Over Rules And Strategy

By Bradley Graham Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Intent on developing more powerful weapons for pencirating enemy computer networks, U.S. military and intelligence authorities are struggling to define new rules for deciding when to launch cyber attacks, who should authorize and conduct such attacks and where they would fit into an overall military strategy.

Not since the advent of nuclear bombs a half-century ago have national security officials confronted weapons with such potential to alter the means for waging war, according to those in-

volved in the planning.

By traveling across global networks and flitting in and out of countries without assuming a physical presence, cyber warriors pose a new challenge to old notions of national sovereignty. Their assaults on societal information networks blur traditional distinctions between military and civilian targets.

Michael McConnell, a retired threestar admiral who stepped down two years ago as head of the National Security Agency, said he knows more than a dozen people who could "do major damage" to a nation by mounting a computer attack with just a few weeks of preparation.

"The question is, what's the legal framework for some of these things?" said Dan Kuehl, a former air force officer who now heads the National Defense University's Department of Information Operations. The answer is,

we don't know." Senior Defense Department officials say they are attempting to define what classes of targets might be appropriate for cyber weapons and are sorting out the legal issues with Justice Department

and intelligence community officials. Congressional sources also report that the House and Senate intelligence committees have pressed behind closed doors for greater clarity in the kinds of cyber operations under consideration and for improved coordination between the Pentagon, the CIA and the FBI to keep their hackers from tripping over

one another in cyberspace abroad.

The Pentagon has restructured units under the Office of Secretary of Defense

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In Cyprus Issue:

A No-Fly Zone?

WASHINGTON, (Reuters)

The United States is willing to ex-

plore the creation of a no-flight

zone over the divided island of

Cyprus, which is a focus of tension

between the NATO members

Greece and Turkey, Defense Sec-

retary William Cohen said here on

"The no-fly zone is one pos-sibility that could be explored but

we have not made any determi-

nation on what the results should

be." he said at a news conference

with the visiting Greek defense

minister, Akis Tsohatzopoulos.

Wednesday.

The IHT on-line www.iht.com

NEW YORK (AP) - The editor of

The New Yorker magazine, Tina Brown, has resigned after six years at

the helm of the venerable but money-

A spokeswoman for the magazine's parent company, Conde Nast, did not give any more details.

Ms. Brown, who is British and a former editor of Vanity Fair, took over

the magazine in 1992. She maintained its literary focus, but increased cov-

erage of politics and popular culture.

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TOKYO - Four days before a national election and two weeks before he is scheduled to visit Washington, Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto appeared to be fighting desperately to keep his job Wednesday by reversing himself for the third time in a week and apparently backing permanent income tax cuts.

could wind up with fewer than the 61

seats it now controls.

moto held a press conference Wednesday evening and announced that he would seek "publicly acceptable" tax cuts beginning in April as part of "per-manent reform of the tax system." This is his clearest support for permanent income tax cuts so far.

"It sends a signal that the LDP is running scared," said John Neuffer, a political analyst, who said tax cuts were

Hashimoto, Running Scared, Backs Tax Cuts

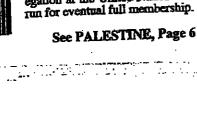
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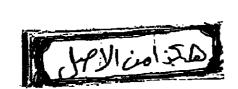
As polls showed a drop in support, analysts said that if the Liberal Democratic Party loses seats in Sunday's election for the upper house of Parliament, Mr. Hashimoto may have to resign. Three recent polls indicate that the solid victory that the Liberal Democrats had been counting on seems like a long shot, and that it is even possible that the party

Campaigning in Nagoya, Mr. Hashi-

Tina Brown calls it quits in N.Y.

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Used Pacemakers Find New Hearts Abroad

By Cindy Loose
Washington Post Service

ASHINGTON — The family arrived at the hospital in Billings, Montana, just moments after Annie Kuntz died. Her daughter

one last time, then recoiled, her eyes wide with shock. "Her heart's still beating," she cried out to her husband.

A nurse quickly explained that Mrs. Kuntz was really dead. What her daughter felt was her pacemaker, still trying to do

On the ride home from the hospital that day in 1988, Bill Daem and his wife — Mrs. Kuntz's daughter, Evelyn — talked about the six healthy years the pacemaker had added to Mrs. Kuntz's life. What a shame, they thought, to waste such a precious item. They asked everyone they could think of what they could do with the electronic device, which stimulates electrical activity to keep the heart beating regularly and typically costs \$5,000 to \$10,000. "Everyone said nothing, so we buried it with her," Mr. Daem said.

It would take many years and another jolt — an experience that Mr. Daem considers a message from his mother-in-law in the great beyond — but Mr. Daem eventually started what is now a thriving pacemaker recovery program he calls Heart Too Heart

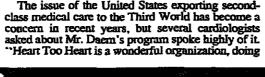
Every morning, he checks the metal cooler he keeps chained to his doorstep for deliveries of pacemakers, which are sent to him from about 225 funeral homes across the country. He then forwards the devices to doctors who reimplant them in destitute patients overseas. Neither Mr. Daem nor the manufacturer nor the doctor makes any money from the program.

Mr. Daem quickly learned that pacemakers cannot be recycled in the United States, where the Food and Drug Administration approves them for one use only. But when he looked into shipping them overseas, he discovered that many Third World countries have no rules governing their use and are eager to acquire more of them.

As the retired assistant chief of emergency medical services in Billings, Mr. Daem knew many people in the medical community. He learned that manufacturers of the pacemakers oppose recycling them, citing liability issues and questions

about whether they can be sterilized safely. He also discovered that the devices are routinely sterilized and reused at hospitals in Sweden. And, he quickly became convinced, a heart patient with a used pacemaker — as long as it was properly checked — is almost certainly better off than a heart patient with no pacemaker:

The issue of the United States exporting second-class medical care to the Third World has become a concern in recent years, but several cardiologists





Bill Daem, working at his home in Billings, Montana, with his wife, Evelyn, runs a thriving pacemaker recovery program he calls Heart Too Heart.

lifesaving work," said Peter Alagona Jr., a fellow of the American College of Cardiology and president of Heartbeat International. His group procures from manufacturers new pacernakers nearing their ex-piration date and ships them to 24 countries overseas. But pacemakers are like hearts: You can never harvest enough of them to make a dent in the

As long as the pacemakers are properly sterilized and reassessed for performance, recycling them is "a very reasonable idea," said David Hayes, director of pacemaker services at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

An FDA spokeswoman did not explain why it approves pacemakers for one-time use only.

Mr. Daem links the birth of his pacemaker pro-

gram to a day when he was helping out at a funeral, as he occasionally does as a Roman Catholic deacon. He was catching a ride from the cemetery when a funeral director, Bill Gray, mentioned that he had been having problems with pacemakers blowing up during crema-

Mr. Gray explained that the lithium battery that runs a pacemaker explodes under intense heat. One had recently caused \$12,000 worth of damage to a crematorium in Missoula, Montana, he

Mr. Gray added that in his own business, he removed pacemakers if he knew about them. "He said some were so new the stitches from the surgery were still in the body," Mr. Daem said. "Knowing the price, he said he couldn't bear to throw them away, and had a whole drawer full."

The conversation "was like a knock on the shoulder from Annie," Mr. Daem said. "It was like she was saying, "This is my second attempt to get your attention that something should be done with these

So he began calling funeral homes. Soon a Montana funeral directors association spread the word to similar organizations in other states. Heart Too Heart was on its way.

As the pacemakers started to come in Mr. Daem and his wife enlisted friends and civic groups to help log and check them. A Knights of Columbus chapter pays for office supplies. A major carrier that wishes to remain anonymous sup-

plies free shipping.

The funeral homes are responsible for disinfecting the pacemakers, and the receiving doctor sterilizes them and checks them with computer equipment, reusing only those with 80 percent of their battery

power remaining.
On the receiving end, Mr. Daem's first partnership was with a New York doctor, Bernard Boal, who has taken more than 700 of the pacemakers to Israel. Mr. Daem, a deeply religious man, sees the hand of God

in the operation. 'It strikes me as more than odd," he said, "that the person gathering them is Roman Catholic, the main person helping me organize is one of the state's leading Methodists, the doctor I give them to is Jewish." And some of the recipients are

Now the recipient pool is expanding. A group of doctors last month took a batch of pacemakers to

Hong Kong's Airport Can't Get Off Ground

A \$20 Billion 'Public Relations Disaster'

By Philip Segal

HONG KONG — With cargo stran-ded for days on the tarmac, missing bag-gage, malfunctioning signs, broken air conditioning and washrooms with no water, Hong Kong's new \$20 billion airport has mmed into a logistical fiasco.

By its third day of operations on Wednesday, the airport at Chek Lap Kok has had to surrender most cargo handling to the old Kai Tak airport, the cramped but highly efficient facility supposedly elected for good Sunday night closed for good Sunday night.

"We're looking right now at a worldwide public relations disaster," said Jim Eckes at Indoswiss Aviation Ltd., a

longtime aviation consultant and broker in Hong Kong. "This airport, unbelievably, is making Kai Tak look good."

As news of passenger delays and broken escalators gave way in prominence to an embarrassing switch Tuesday back to the old airport by cargo sorters, a city that prides itself on being a sleek and efficient services hub began counting the cost of putting into op-eration an airport that many think opened prematurely.

"Fish and flowers are dying, newspapers aren't coming in or going out," said Mike Bryant of Foreign Press Distributors Ltd., which distributes the International Herald Tribune along with 50 other dailies and 300 magazines. "The best answer I could get was that it would be another day or so."

The largest air cargo handler at the airport, Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals, declined to return phone calls.

Some freight operators said that more than half their traffic has been delayed. One operator cited computer interface problems between Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals, the monopoly operator at the old airport, and several new ground handling companies working at Chek Lap Kok.

"We've had significant delays," said Ross Allen, operations director at the courier company DHL. "We're already bypassing Hong Kong from a hub stand-point, and are looking at exporting Hong Kong origin traffic to third countries for onward shipment."

United Parcel Service ran large ads in local newspapers Wednesday proclaiming on-time service, but this only applied to shipments using their own planes. For freight going to most of Asia, UPS uses commercial airlines and is also experiencing "lots of delays," said Brenda Ng, a customer service supervisor.

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disastrons first day at the airport, when planes were stranded on the ranway for several hours because of a shortage of ground staff or malfunctioning gates. One passenger called police on his mobile phone, urging them to open the aircraft because passengers were feeling ill from lack of fresh air.

The longest departure delay was two hours on Wednesday, compared to four hours on Tuesday, according to Reuters. Some 6,000 to 10,000 pieces of baggage which had gone astray since Monday have now been sent to the proper des-tinations, airport officials told the news

"Things are looking better, but are nowhere near optimum service levels," said Jemma Moore of Hong Kong-

based Cathay Pacific Airways, the largest tenant at Chek Lap Kok. The foul-ups are embarrassing for the government, given that Chek Lap Kok was formally opened by President Jiang Zennin during his visit last week. Some analysts speculated that after the airfort had been delayed twice from its original intended opening a year ago, it was rushed into operation this week so that Mr. Jiang could open it as he celebrated

the first anniversary of Hong Kong's reversion to Chinese sovereignty.

The signs of premature opening are everywhere: Camay Pacific's executive lomge will not be ready until mid-Angust. The executive lounge operated by Japan Airlines has a phone booth for use by busy travelers, but no phone. The baggage system still functions intermittently, and many ticket machines on the new airport railroad do not work.

"I do not believe it was opened too early," said Hong Kong's financial secretary, Donald Tsang, on Wednesday. "I know our colleagues in the Airport Authority are really trying their very best. I'm same they're going to deliter back to us, the Hong Kong people, a first class airport in the next few days."

The Airport Anthonity has confirmed that it pressured Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals, the freight handler, to shift to the new airport before it wanted to

The Airport Authority, headed by Hank Townsend, an American who is a former executive with Bechtel Corps declined to predict how long it would take to iron out the problems.

Many on the staff at the Airport Authority, created in the mid-1990s to build and operate the new facility, were hired for their knowledge of construc-tion, but are new to remaing an airport. For passengers at Chek Lap Kok, Kai Tak airport was run by the gov-things are slowly improving from the emment's Civil Aviation Department.

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Agence France-Presse month because of the pending of General Motors Corp. — The Eiffel Tower, iron-latticed landmark on the Paris skyline, will not fall into U.S. hands, Finance pany that manages the tower. Minister Dominique Strauss-

Kahn pledged Wednesday. City councilors warned this week that the French capital's most-visited monument faced a change of ownership this

privatization of Credit Foncier de France, a financial firm that has a stake in the com-But Mr. Strauss-Kahn said the city's ownership of the 19th monument was "inali-Credit Foncier has a 50 per-

cent stake in SAGI, which in turn has a 70 percent share in the Societe Nouvelle d'Exploitation de la Tour Eiffel, the company set up in 1979 to run the tower on behalf of the Paris city government. But CCF is up for sale, and the government is to decide this month francs (\$3.3 million), giving whether to accept an offer it a majority stake that would from General Motors Acceptance Corp., the financial arm hands.

'As the owner and award er of the management contract of the Eiffel Tower," Mr. Strauss-Kahn said, City Hall is totally free to decide to what extent a change

manages the Eiffel Tower." The mayor of Paris, Jean Tiberi, said Tuesday he had written to Mr. Strauss-Kahn to draw his attention to the fate of the monument.

in CCF's capital can have

consequences on the firm that

The Paris city government could buy an 11 percent interest in SAGI for 20 million keep the tower in French

2d Strike to Stall London Subway

LONDON (AP) --- Workers on the London Underground train network decided to strike for the second time this summer after a dispute over job security ended without

Members of the Rail, Maritime and Transport union voted for a 24-hour walkout starting Sunday night after failing to get assurances from the government that service, job conditions

assituances from the government that service, job continuous and pensions would not be affected by plans for private firms to become involved in running parts of the network.

More than 2 million people, including commuters and tourists, travel every day on the London Underground.

Storms Wreak Havoc in Austria

VIENNA (AP) - Storms dumped heavy rain across a wide area of Austria and snow in high Alpine areas, snarling traffic and causing local flooding here and in the east of the country.

Police were requiring chains Wednesday for all motorists driving over the Citt south of Salzburg, after snow fell in the higher elevations

The storms struck late Tuesday, dumping heavy rains in Vienna, Upper Austria, Lower Austria and Steiermark.

Two people were slightly injured as crowds jostled to attend the second day of the annual bull runs in Pamplona, Spain, emergency services said. A 26-year-old was high pitalized for bruised ribs, while a second person, aged 200 needed treatment for a cut scalp after being caught in the crowds packing the streets of Pamplona. (AFP)

The number of Japanese traveling overseas this sounder is expected to fall for the first time in 18 years because of the country's weak economy; a top travel agency in Tokyo said. About 3.17 million people are expected to go abroad for their summer vacation, 2.4 percent less than last year.

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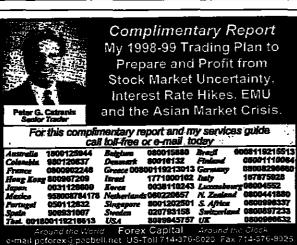
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Editor's Note

A New York Times article highest possible ratings for a published on Aug. 20, 1997, and republished in the International Herald Tribune on Aug. 21, described the op-erations of the European Union Bank, an offshore instiarticle said one of the bank's original directors, Mikhail B. Khodorkovsky, was an officer of the Menatep Bank of Moscow. It quoted unnamed British and American officials who said Menatep had links to Russian organized crime.

should have contained a response from Menatep and Mr. Khodorkovsky. The International Herald Tribune apologizes to Bank Menatep and Mr. Khodorkovsky for the

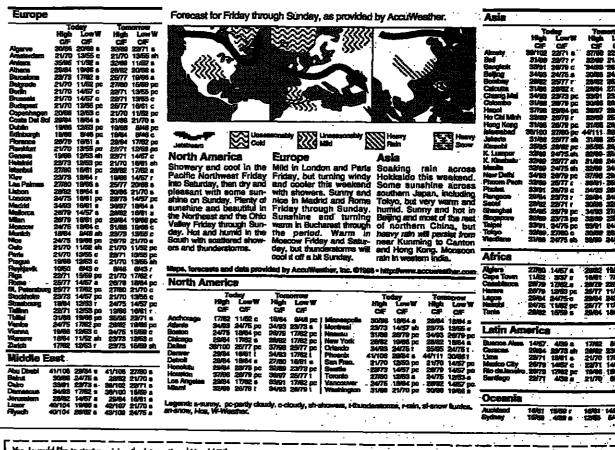
Menatep has since said that as an internationally respected, reputable financial instirimental to its reputation. It has provided documents es-The bank has earned the after then.

private Russian bank from IBCA, Moody's and Thornson Bank Watch, and has recently gained approval from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission to sell tution based in Antigua. The American Depository Receipts in the United States. The bank has relationships with the World Bank and the U.S. Ex-Im Bank. It has been audited by Arthur Andersen since 1994 in accordance, according to the accounting firm, with recognized inter-In fairness, the article national accounting stan-

> The Federal Bureau of Investigation has said that a search of the automated indices to its central records system files located no records to indicate that Menatep has been of investigatory interest to the FBL

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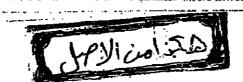
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In Ruling Against Secret Service, Court Dismisses Agency's 'Vague Fears'

By Susan Schmidt ington Post Service

WASHINGTON - In rejecting efforts by the Secret Service to prevent its danger rather than vague fears extraofficers from testifying in the Monica polated beyond any foreseeable Lewinsky investigation, a federal appeals court has dismissed as "vague fears" the agency's claims that such testimony could endanger the life of the

The court rejected the creation of a hew legal privilege to shield the pres-ident's protectors, backing the effort by the independent counsel, Kenneth Starr, to secure testimony from Secret Service officers about what they may have seen or heard about an alleged affair between Ms. Lewinsky and President Bill Clin-

those entrusted with responsibility for action that could distance the Secret

Mr. Starr, battered by a series of legal series action that could distance the Secret

Mr. Starr, battered by a series of legal serbacks, said he was gratified by the transmissions ruling by a three-judge panel danger to his life and that of future ruling. "It is fundamental in our country

that those conclusions rest upon solid facts and a realistic appraisal of the

. The appeals panel said the Secret Service had fallen short of proving the "heavy burden" needed to justify the creation of a new "protective function privilege." The judges — the Republican appointers Stephen Williams, Douglas Ginsburg and Raymond Randolph - said it should be up to Congress to decide whether to create such a privilege and, if so, what shape it should

The Justice Department, which has "While courts must listen with the said it was deciding whether to appeal "While courts must listen with the said it was deciding whether in appeals court.

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Since the early days of the Lewinsky investigation, Mr. Starr has been seeking the testimony of two uniformed officers and the Secret Service general counsel have been instructed by the Treasury Department to decline to answer ques-

tions relating to the president. After winning in a lower court, Mr. Starr asked the Supreme Court to intervene in the Secret Service case on a rare emergency basis, but the court last month declined to do so, referring it torney-client privilege to block testimony by a White House aide, Bruce R.

of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. presidents," the department said in a that all law enforcement officers co-Curcuit, "we must also assure ourselves joint statement with the Secret Service, operate fully in responding to requests operate fully in responding to requests for relevant information in a federal grand jury investigation," he said in a statement. "The court of appeals today affirmed that bedrock principle, emphawho conferred with them, but all three sizing that the rule of law is not incompatible with the profound national interest in protecting the life of the pres-

But the Supreme Court may still have the final word on the question. The Secret Service director, Lewis C. Merletti, has privately vowed to appeal all the way to the high court. The agency's instead to the appeals court as a priority other options include asking the appeals matter. Another privilege dispute, concerning Mr. Clinton's assertion of ating before the full D.C. Court of Ap-

> Noting that the Supreme Court had ordered expedited treatment of the case, the appeals panel ordered that any new hearing request be filed within seven days, instead of the 45 normally al-

District Court Judge Norma Holloway Johnson, the appeals panel said there was no "clear and convincing" need to create a new privilege. But the judges also said they were not persuaded by Mr. Starr's argument that there is no precedent for such a privilege, since "this appears to be the first effort in U.S. history to compel testimony by

Arguing in Mr. Start's favor, the judges said in the 11-page decision, is a branch employees to promptly report any evidence of a crime by a government official to the attorney general.

The Secret Service argued that its proposed privilege should grant them an exception to the statute and also offered a compromise: Its officers should be required to testify in a grand jury proceeding only if they recognize a president's actions as criminal at the time they witness or hear about them.

But the court found the legal reasoning behind such an exception "strange," saying it "would prohibit testimony (and thus thwart the search for truth) even in cases where the evidence, viewed in the light of subsequent events. would supply a key element in the proof of a serious crime.

The Justice Department has argued that the secretary of the treasury, who has jurisdiction over the Secret Service, would be the holder of the protective function privilege, not the president federal statute that requires executive himself. But the judges said that notion offered only a "weak incentive" for a president to keep his Secret Service protectors at bay, since the privilege could be waived by his treasury secretary or by a subsequent administration.

"If the person whose conduct is to be influenced knows that the privilege might be waived by someone else, the effect of the privilege in shaping his conduct is greatly diminished if not completely eliminated," the panel said.

Man, 19, Is Convicted Of Killing Cosby's Son

By James Sterngold
New York Times Service

LOS ANGELES — A jury took less than six hours to find 19-year-old Mikail Markhasev guilty of murdering Ennis Cosby, the son of the entertainer Bill Cosby.

Mr. Markhasev was found guilty Tuesday of first-degree murder and attempted robbery in the death of Mr. Cosby, who was fatally shot in an apparent robbery while changing a flat in the on Jan. 16, 1997. Mr. Markhasev could receive a term of life in prison without parole.

Judge David Perez of Superior Court in Santa Monica

scheduled the sentencing for Aug. 11.
While prosecutors landed the verdict, Henry Hall, one of the two public defenders who represented Mr. Markhasev, said at a news conference afterward that he believed that the intense publicity and the fame of Mr. Cosby's father had turned attention away from a sober analysis of the evidence and had a brought about an unfair verdict.

Mr. Hall said the jury had not been directly tainted and that "the celebrity of the Cosby family, I don't think, had a direct impact on the trial." But he also insisted, "The societal presumption was that there would be a conviction."

Bill Cosby attended the trial for the first time on Monday, the day the closing arguments concluded. He was there with his wife, Camille, and his daughters Erika and Erinn. While his daughters were in court on Tuesday, he and his

wife were not, but through a spokesman he issued a statement rafter the verdict was read, saying, "The Cosby family is satisfied with the judicial process." Ennis Cosby was 27 and a doctoral student in education at Columbia University when he was shot in the head while

changing a flat tire alongside a Los Angeles highway in the early morning of Jan. 16, 1997. The police said it appeared to have been an unplanned but

botched robbery. With his last about that he had to



Mikail Markhasev after his conviction Wednesday.

BOOKS

-ONE OF OURS: Timothy McVeigh and the 'Oklahoma City Bombing

By Richard A. Serrano. 321 pages.

ייג \$26.95. Norton.

n a society matters, the April 1995 bombing of she federal building in Oklahoma City seems ages ago. But Richard A. Serrano, Los Angeles Times reporter, does his

best to help us remember. "One of Ours" begins with the childshood of the convicted bomber, Timothy McVeigh, continues through his Army r pareer and his life on the gun-show circuit, and culminates with the bornbing and its aftermath.

Despite the inherent drama of the sto-"Ty and Serrano's hundreds of interviews, "One of Ours" does not deepen our understanding of McVeigh and the at-tack. In restricting himself to a narrative Tof events, Serrano studiously avoids any historical context or analysis of why the sombing occurred. The result is a flat account that at times misleads.

For example, it's good to be reminded that McVeigh grew up fascinated with guns and stored barrels of water in his family's basement in case of nuclear war. But it would have been more belpit to place these guns and preparations for Armageddon in a larger framework, namely America's post-Vietnam para-

military culture. This culture arose as a reaction to defeat in Vietnam and the challenges that the feminist and civil rights move-ments of the 1960s and 1970s posed to white men. It created the fantasy of individual men fighting a new war against communists, terrorists, nonwhite immigrants and criminals to re-

store a fallen America. Paramilitary culture reached its peak in the mid- and late 1980s; then, as the

Soviet Union collapsed in 1989-1991, it lost both influence and adherents. In an effort to sustain the heroic drama of individual warriors struggling against an are interviewed, no psychological studevil empire, the loosely knit leadership ies cited. of the far right began to conceptualize Reviewed by James William Gibson andly and corrupt but as the new enemy

It was in this period that "The Turner Diaries," a 1978 novel about a white revolution featuring the truck-bombing of an FBI building, became McVeigh's sacred text and script for ritual enactment.

Serrano describes McVeigh's transition from U.S. soldier to far-right terrorist - but again, without context. Mc-Veigh visited Waco, Texas, in March 1993 while the Branch Davidian compound was under siege by agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the FBL He was shocked to see Bradley Fighting Vehicles like the one he had fought in during the Persian Gulf War used against U.S. citizens. But the author does not say why such vehicles were used. The Branch Davidians were armed with semiautomatic rifles firing 50-caliber machine-gun shells capable of punching through anything

but heavy armor plating. By not providing a context, Serrano's parrative inadvertently makes McVeigh look rational.

That's a grave flaw, because Mc-Veigh's mental condition needs careful scrutiny. By the spring of 1992 he had left the Army and was working as a security guard in Buffalo. One of his coworkers became so alarmed by Mc-Veigh's insistence that a federal task force called Project North Star was after him that he secretly taped McVeigh to show company management. By 1993 McVeigh was telling his associates on the gun-show circuit that, when he was a soldier in the Gulf War, the military had secretly implanted a microtransmitter in his buttocks!

BRIDGE

Serrano never explores the significance of the fantasized anal penetration and hidden transmitter; no psychiatrists

In avoiding the subject, "One of the U.S. government as not just cow- Ours" keeps in step with both the prosecution and defense during McVeigh's trial. Federal prosecutors wanted Mc-Veigh found guilty of murder and executed, while he and his attorney wanted him portrayed as a political activist whose beliefs were "horrifyingly out of proportion" but not the "delusional fantasies of a madman." Thus, the book never addresses the crucial issues of how McVeigh's psychological problems both attracted him to paramilitary culture and were exacerbated by that culture.

Still, Serrano's approach serves him well in one crucially important area he helps us get to know the bombing's victims. We encounter Marine Corps officer Michael Norfleet, soaked in blood from head wounds, as he walks down the stairs of the Murrah building, 'following a blood trail of somebody that had gone down the steps before me. And that was just kind of like the varn leading me out of the maze, that blood trail." We learn about the boy who offered his savings account (\$180) to government psychologists if they would belp his father finally cry and grieve over his lost wife.

There is much pain in what happened in Oklahoma City, much that needs to be remembered. There are real heroes as well, women and men who did everything they could to save those caught in the Murrah building's ruins. Despite its flaws, "One of Ours" preserves the stories of both victims and rescuers — a worthy accomplishment for any writer.

James William Gibson, author of Warrior Dreams: Paramilitary Culture in Post-Vietnam America," wrote this for The Washington Post.

Ex-Military Chief Wins Big Contract

U.S. Admiral's Firm Buys Key Plant

By Judith Miller New York Times Service

NEW YORK - The state of Michigan has approved the sale of the only licensed maker of anthrax and rabies vaccine in the United States to a company led by Admiral William Crowe Jr., a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the U.S. ambassador to Britain until last year.

The sale of the Michigan Biologic Products Institute, the last state-owned vaccine laboratory in the United States, gives Admiral Crowe's newly formed company, BioPort Corp., an inside track on at least \$60 million in Pentagon contracts for anthrax vaccine to protect the 2.4 million members of the armed forces and reservists against an anthrax attack.

The rickety plant, which has been run by the Michigan Department of Community Health, has lost millions of dollars annually for years. So in 1996 Michigan decided to sell it to the highest bidder. No one was seriously interested, even after the Pentagon announced it would pay for a \$1.8 million renov-

The situation changed in December 1997 when the Clinton administration threatened to go to war over Iraq's intransigence in giving free access to UN weapons inspectors. Defense

Secretary William Cohen announced that all U.S. troops and reservists would get anthrax shots — a first for the military. Suddenly the old plant was a hot property. Michigan reopened the bidding in January and a dozen companies considered the plant. Five made firm offers and, in late May, the Pentagon made the deal even sweeter by announcing plans to invest an additional \$15 million to double the plant's vaccine output. The plant is currently closed for renovation.

State officials said that on June 2 the state commission responsible for selling the plant chose BioPort over four other bidders: BioPort, it said, offered nearly \$25 million in cash, secured notes, product donations and royalties.

BioPort, whose headquarters are in Lansing, Michigan, is made up of several partners besides Admiral Crowe. One is Fuad El-Hibri, a German citizen of Lebanese descent who has marketed drugs and succeeded in turning a British government

plant for vaccine production into a successful private venture.

Military contractors often hire retired officers. The practice gives companies insights into the often Byzantine workings of the military. But it also has been faulted for the favoritism that can arise when officers deal with former colleague

Admiral Crowe, who was chairman of the Joint Chiefs from 1985 to 1989, said in a recent interview that he was aware of the risk of favoritism, but that he thought strengthening the nation's defenses against an anthrax attack was more important.

Admiral Crowe, who resigned as ambassador to Britain last year, was one of the most senior military figures to support Bill Clinton in the 1992 presidential campaign. Admiral Crowe said he had not discussed with the president the vaccine issue or his effort to buy the plant. Admiral Crowe also said he had not received favorable consideration from Defense Department officials who had met with the bidders.

Admiral Crowe said he had put no personal assets into the plant's purchase and would be compensated only if the plant made money. And he acknowledged that his personal experience in pharmacenticals was limited to once having served on the board of Pfizer Inc.

But he said that his knowledge of the Defense Department would prove useful, because BioPort would soon be negotiating the price of future batches of vaccine.

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Away From Politics

 A young man armed with assault rifles killed a mother and a daughter, then fatally shot two Border Patrol agents who were called by sheriff's deputies to help in his pursuit, authorities said in San Benito, Texas. The gunman also died in the shoot-out. One of the agents killed was the first woman to be slain on Border (NYT) Patrol duty.

• The worst U.S. outbreak of illness from raw oysters seems to be easing about two weeks after the industry vol-untarily stopped harvesting in Galveston Bay in Texas. After seeing 50 new cases each day at the height of the problem, state health officials said only 16 cases were reported last weekend. (AP)

•Blacks appear to absorb more nicotine per cigarette than smokers of other races, a finding that could explain why they run a higher risk of lung cancer and more trouble kicking the habit, researchers reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Why blacks seem to get more nicotine was not clear. Biological differences were suggested as one possible factor.

 An explosion blamed on a natural gas leak destroyed a new home, killing a woman and critically injuring her husband in Pleasant Valley, Virginia. (AP)

POLITICAL NOTES

Business Back in Party's Fold

WASHINGTON - After a brief but bitter lovers' quarrel, key business advocates and the House Repub-

lican leadership have reconciled.

Charles Mack and Bernadette Budde of the Business-Industry Political Action Committee formalized the breakthrough in the dispute by giving Republican leaders just what they wanted: a memorandum to corporate supporters declaring that continued Republican control of Congress is crucial "if a free enterprise agenda is to

advance. Business leaders had been reassured by Republican leaders, most especially the House speaker, Newt Gingrich, who said they would take up key elements of business's agenda. These include continuation of China's 'most favored nation" trade status, funding of the International Monetary Fund, a capital gains cut and extension of corporate tax credits that have expired.

Bruce Josten, executive vice president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, who had earlier accused the

Republican Congress of promoting "isolationism" and the "use of unilateral sanctions," said Tuesday, "Now, the congressional leadership is moving forward."

The dispute between these traditional allies had been building for more than a year as heads of major exporting corporations, along with officials of the Chamber of Congress and the action committee, began to voice growing concerns that the Republican Party was abandoning business interests in favor of the religious right.

Social conservatives, business argued, placed a higher priority on abortion and other domestic social issues than on maintaining the nation's economic vigor.

A New U.S. Savings Bond

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration on Wednesday unveiled a new type of government savings bond whose return will rise and fall with inflation, to protect investors' gains as well as to help finance the

The bonds will be sold in eight denominations, ranging from \$50 to \$10,000, and will mature in 30 years. Most of the denominations, which bear the likenesses of Helen Keller, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Albert Einstein, and others, are to go on sale in September. Two more denominations — \$200 and \$10,000 — will go on

In announcing the new securities, Vice President Al Gore promoted them as offering an attractive means for middle-income people to prepare for their retirements or a child's education.

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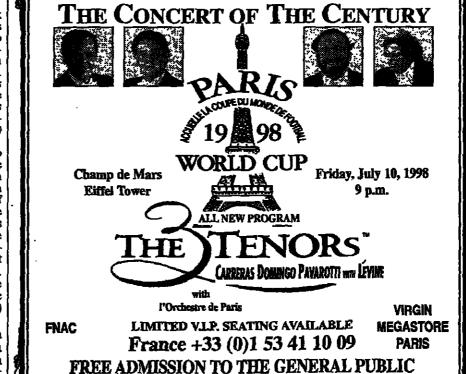
Dan Schnur, a political consultant in San Francisco, as California legislators near a budget deadline without agreement on how to use a \$4.4 billion surplus: "In the past, the choices have been so painful that they led to paralysis. It takes two or three months to decide whether you're going to take guide dogs away from blind people. But there isn't any road map for what they're dealing with

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By Alan Truscott

IN experienced team squeezed out a victory in the final of the International Team Trials in Tunica, Mississippi. On Monday nicht includes Chuck something to think about Should he continue dismonds? Or shift to hearts?

If West had held ace-kind will have a second chance. sissippi, on Monday night Nick Nickell, Dick Freeman, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Bob Hamman and Paul Soloway, all of whom have won world titles, won by just jeopardy. 12 imps against a fighting

team headed by Jim Cayne. With 15 deals remaining in the 120-deal final, Nickell led by 37 and a stretch drive by s opponents fell just short. The Nickell team will represent the United States in the next Bermuda Bowl world Bermuda in January 2000.

from the final, both teams spades but was still in serious king.

Cohen was the superweak queen. Rodwell therefore quence, with a two-spade re-bid, was invitational, and In the replay, against the South accepted in view of his same contract, the lead was maximum.

championship, scheduled in and Cohen won the jack with with the club ace he per-Bermuda in January 2000.

something to think about victory. Should he continue dia-

If West had held ace-king of diamonds he might have On the diagramed deal led a top honor rather than lead low. And if South reached three no-trump. This had held king-queen he was rather better than four might have won with the

So there was some reason The opening no-trump by to think that Cohen held acevariety, showing 10-12 shifted to the heart jack and points. The Stayman set he defense took four tricks in

A second American team queen, hoping to snatch a Soloway as South claimed 10 will be decided by another ninth trick, and lost to the ace. tricks. The Nickell team trial next June, so the Cayne Rodwell as East now had gained 10 imps en route to

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maximum. again a diamond. But when Meckstroth led a diamond, East won the second trick

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Pakistani 'Defector' Unconvincing

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — A group of scientists who interrogated a Pakistani claiming to be a defector from his country's nuclear weapons program has concluded that the person knows nothing about nuclear

The story told by Iftikhar Khan Chaudhry, who is seeking asylum in the United States, "just seems to be made up out of whole cloth," said Frank von Hipple, a professor at Princeton University who helped organize the interrogation session, which was carried out in English and also in Mr. Khan's native

research scientist in Pakistan's nuclear mally a low-paid accountant for a maker weapons program, he was present at a of bathroom tile. meeting on April 25— just weeks before India and Pakistan conducted underground nuclear tests.

In his account, he said that the Pakistani military high command, fearing a nuclear strike by India, authorized a preemptive nuclear attack on New Delhi within 48 hours. Mr. Khan said he was ready

But the Pakistani's story is now being

looked upon with skepticism.

Last week, Mr. Khan asserted at a ... In the ensuing days, Pakistani offi-series of news conferences that, as a cials investigated and said he was ac-

Mr. Khan's account, however, was front-page news in India, increasing tension in the Subcontinen

"Talking to him, in the first few sentences, it was clear his story was not quite credible," said Dr. Abdul Nayyar, who is a professor of physics at Quaid-i-Azam University in Islamabad and a visiting research fellow at Princeton

"He gave either no answers or very wrong answers," Dr. Nayyar said.

India's Nuclear Reasoning Under Fire

Islamabad Calls for Verification of New Delhi's Charges of Infiltration

By Barbara Crossette New York Times Service

NEW YORK — A senior Pakistani official says that India is using a fictional threat from China and unverified charges of Pakistani terrorist infiltration into Kashmir to justify its nuclear weapons program and revive threats

'We say that to verify these charges, let neutral international observers be sta-

Korea Expels

Envoy in Rift

With Russia

SEOUL - South Korea on Wed-

nesday expelled a Russian diplomat

who it said was an agent for Rus-

The expulsion of the diplomat,

listed as a counsellor of the Russian

embassy here, came a day after the

return from Moscow of Cho Sung

Woo, a Korean Embassy counselor

who Russia's Federal Security Ser-

vice said had worked for South Ko-

rea's National Security Planning

The Foreign Ministry, echoing the Russian charges against Mr.

Cho, charged that the Russian Em-

bassy counsellor, Oleg Abramkin,

had engaged in "activities which do

not suit the status of a diplomat'

ever since he arrived here nearly

four years ago.
Unlike Mr. Cho's accusers in

Moscow, however, the South Korean government did not detain

Mr. Abramkin, did not reveal his

expulsion in advance to the local media and did not specify what Mr.

Instead, the chargé d'affaires of

the Russian Embassy, Valeri Suhin-

in, was summoned to the Foreign

Ministry and told that Mr. Abramkin

that the Russians had violated a tacit understanding under which a Korean intelligence agent could op-

erate from the Korean Embassy in

The South Korean foreign min-

ister, Park Chang Soo, added to the

mystery of Mr. Cho's activities by

saying, "We've yet to analyze all

the information involved." That re-

mark, said a South Korean press

agency, suggested that "the foreign

ministries of the two countries were

waging a proxy war for intelligence

agencies of the two countries.

South Korean officials implied

had 72 hours to leave the country.

sia's Federal Security Service.

speech to the Asia Society in New York. "India has always refused."

Mr. Ahmad said that India has never other information about infiltrators that New Delhi said it had captured in con- tain. nection with the planning or execution of attacks in Kashmir, a Muslim-majority territory that is considered a flash point for war between the two nations.

retary-general, who was sent to the region to offer UN help in cooling regional ten-

The envoy, Assistant Secretary-General Alvaro de Soto, was welcomed in Pakistan and also visited Sri Lanka although India, which monitors the foreign policies of its smaller neighbors, asked the Sri Lankans not to receive him at a high level, officials said.

Mr. Ahmad said that India's boast of having "a big bomb," its numerous nuclear and missile tests, its acquisition from Russia and elsewhere of billions of dollars in new military equipment, its threat to seize Pakistan's portion of Kashmir, and its plans to build temples on the ruins of mosques have cost it international standing.

"The facade of an India upholding universal values has finally been lifted,

But Mr. Ahmad, who has just met with U.S. officials in Washington, echoed comments that Indians have made on trips to the United States when they criticize the government and the Congress for focusing too much on the issue of nuclear weapons and not enough on the regional security concerns of

He said that giving in to repeated demands to relinquish the nuclear option would be tantamount to "forfeiting our

Pakistan is afraid of losing more ter-

In the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir recently, armed groups have the opposition." public opinion in New Delhi, where a Hindu nationalist government is in

Kashmiri-American leaders say that at least some of these attacks were carried out by Indian-sponsored counterter-Kashmiri separatists and giving the Indian government excuses to increase repression in the Kashmir Valley.

The Indian home minister and officer in charge of the Kashmir issue, Lal Krishna Advani, has made a series of threatening statements based on such events, which Pakistanis have interpreted as laying the ground for possible

tioned on both sides," said the official, should recover the parts of the region Foreign Secretary Shamshad Ahmad, in under Pakistani control

Two-thirds of Kashmir has been occupied by India and one-third by Pakistan since the two nations gained made available to Pakistan names or independence in 1947 and the future of the territory was left unresolved by Bri-

> India has refused to allow a UN plebiscite to take place among the Kash-

Mr. Ahmad said Tnesday that Last week, India shocked the United Pakistan would not agree to making the Nations by refusing to meet with a representative of Kofi Annan, the UN sec-Pakistani troops in Kashmir an international border, as some diplomats have suggested as a first step toward reducing

"That would violate UN Security Council resolutions calling for a free and fair plebiscite," he said.

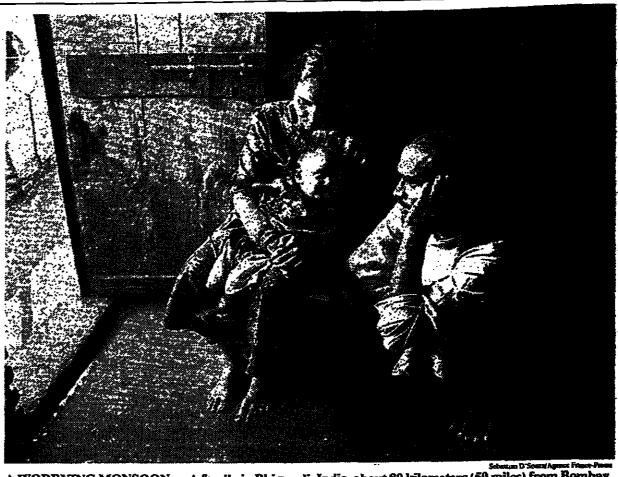
Mr. Ahmad did not respond directly to repeated Indian hints that New Delhi might agree to sign the international Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty at some point, as the five permanent members of the Security Council have urged.

But he said that the possibility of Pakistan's signing before India break with a longstanding policy of waiting for New Delhi to act first - was being discussed "at all levels" in the Pakistani government.

In a speech largely devoted to Pakistan's history of living in the shadow of a better-armed India and the rebuffs Pakistanis have received to all proposals for regional disarmament, Mr. Ahmad said that his Islamic country now faces an Indian party "whose actions the prime minister justifies in Parliament on the basis of Hindu mythology."

Mr. Ahmad said that Pakistan had little faith in bilateral talks between the two nations, which the United States and other nations are encouraging, because they have never solved fundamental





A WORRYING MONSOON - A family in Bhiwandi, India, about 80 kilometers (50 miles) from Bombay, waiting anxiously Wednesday following heavy monsoon rains that brought flooding to the region. More than 1,000 families were taken to safer ground as the weather bureau predicted more heavy rainfall.

Burma Police Block Trip by Dissident

YANGON, Burma — A key op-position leader, Aung San Sun Kyi, returned home unharmed Wednesday after a standoff of nearly 24 hours with police officers on a road outside the

Testing the junta's edict that prevents her from leaving Yangon unescorted, Aung San Sun Kyi, the winner of the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize, drove 80 kilometers (50 miles) north. Policemen at the scene told her and

three others in her car to return to Yangon, but she refused. Soldiers lifted the car and turned it around to face the capital.

Tense Calm Returns To Irian Jaya Cities

nesses said. But students in the capital of

Jayapura still barred police officers from entering their campus. In the island town of Biak, where at least one man was killed and 141 were wounded Monday, daily life was gradually returning to normal, resilents said.

Unconfirmed reports have said five were killed in Biak when troops opened fire on a crowd that raised a

Australians Approve Native Land Curbs

CANBERRA - The Australian ing fury and cries of "shame" from

Indonesian troops opened fire on pro-independence demonstrators, wit- tions dominated by race issues. It moves to end a five-year conflict

with farmers by reforming native title laws which they saw as unworkable and was passed after the longest Parliament debate on record. Farmers and the mining industry

welcomed the bill, but angry Aboriginal leaders say it has robbed them of 90 percent of their rights.

Sea Horses in Asia Said to Dwindle Fast

CEBU, Philippines - Asia's onceabundant population of sea horses has declined alarmingly in recent years because of environmental changes and heavy demand for their use in traovernment narrowly won a battle on ditional medicines, approdisiacs and Wednesday to adopt legislation wa- aquarinms, conservationists said Wedtering down native land rights, spark- nesday.

"We're dealing with a situation Aborigines and opposition groups. ... where we still have time," said Heath-IAKARTA — An uneasy calm re—
The bill, twice rejected by the Sen—er Hall of London's Zoological Sourced Wednesday to two cities in the ate, was passed by just two votes and ciety. But there is now a grave cause remote province of Irian Jaya where resolves a political standoff that had for concern.

India and Pakistan have fought three wars in 50 years, one of which broke JAPAN: Hashimoto, Running Scared to Keep His Job, Now Backs Permanent Tax Cuts

Continued from Page 1

"the last bomb they are going to lob at

Wednesday, Mr. Hashimoto called the race "very tough." But, he added, "We will fight to the very last second to hang onto any seat we can." Mr. Hashimoto had hoped this election would strengthen his hand in fixing the economy. It now appears the best he

would significantly reduce his ability to push through difficult banking and economic reform measures. Mr. Hashimoto has indicated that this

election is a referendum on his handling of the economy, and it is widely believed that he will not be able to hold onto his seats could dip into the 50s. post if his party loses.

tured party.

Several analysts said Wednesday night that Mr. Hashimoto's last-minute pledge for tax cuts — and particularly his statement that tax reform would not taxes could after all remain "neutral." mean reviewing the large number of low-income Japanese who pay no tax at all - will be enough to head off defeat for his party.

"It will certainly help and it may snatch victory for them," said a political commentator, Minoru Morita.

cut pronouncement was the result of party leaders' "freezing, turning blue" when they saw the raw data from the latest polls that showed that their 61 Mr. Hashimoto had said in April that

Mr. Hashimoto is due in Washington he favored a one-time income tax cut of attacks across the disputed border. Mr. on July 22 for a state visit, and he had about \$15 billion. Then last Friday, he reducing them a way to revive it. Advani is on record as saying that India planned on triumphantly arriving there used "well calculated words" that were

with a stronger backing from his frac- intentionally meant to be viewed as support for permanent tax cuts, Mr. Morita said. But then on Sunday, Mr. Hashimoto backed away from that, saying that he had been misinterpreted and that

Mr. Morita said other party members, who do not support tax cuts and worry about where the money would come from to pay for them, were angry that Mr. Hashimoto had supported the cuts. But in the face of new signs that

Sunday's vote will be tougher than exthe tax cut.

seen as a choke on the economy and

Wednesday how the government would pay for tax cuts. Once again, his comments were viewed by investors and economic analysts as too vague and halfhearted to boost Japan's financial mar-

Much of Mr. Hashimoto's political problems lie in the public's lack of confidence in his ability to reverse Japan's nagging recession. The prime minister's repeated waffling on fix-it measures has contributed to a public image that he and his lieutenants are not only divided over He added that Mr. Hashimoto's tax pected, the party and Mr. Hashimoto how to pull Japan out of its recession, but apparently decided to publicly support are not up to the job of doing it. Although Mr. Hashimoto's approval

Japan has among the highest income ratings are dismal and world leaders taxes in the world, with the wealthiest have criticized Japan's political ditherpaying a rate around 65 percent. In-creasingly those high taxes have been threatens to wreak havoc on the world. wide economy, the Liberal Democrats had appeared headed for a relatively Mr. Hashimoto never mentioned easy time in Sunday's elections.

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The Spoils of a Blood Feud: Rich Veins Buried Deep Beneath Kosovo

By Chris Hedges

STARI TNG, Yugoslavia — The metal cage numbled to the guts of the Stari Tng mine, with its glittering veins of lead, zinc, cadminm, gold and silver, its stagnant pools of water and muck, its steamy blasts; its miles of dank, gloomy tunnels and its vast stretches of Stygian darkness.

As the iron box rattled and squealed on the ear-

popping journey, dropping at 18 feet a second, it left behind the potent symbols of nationalism and ethnic identity scattered in disarray on the ground above. Instead, in the shrill cacophony, it exposed the real worth of Kosovo.

The medieval Serbian monasteries and churches, crumbling mosques with silver domes and spindly minarets and a dark stone tower brooding over the Field of Blackbirds, where the Turks wiped out Serbian nobles 600 years ago and began 500 years of Ottoman rule, seemed to evaporate in the thin air.

The fighting between the rebels of the Kosovo Liberation Army, with their intoxicating visions of an independent state, and the 50,000 Serbian soldiers and special policemen, who rule the province of Kosovo like a plantation, touched no one here. Neither did the rattle of gunfre, the thud of mortars, the anguish of refugees and bodies of the recently killed.

A half-mile underground, hissing rubber air hoses were looped along tunnel walls and small lights hooked on the hard bats of miners bobbed

"There is over 30 percent lead and zinc in the ore," said Novak Bjelic, the mine's beefy director. The war in Kosovo is about the mines, nothing else. This is Serbia's Kuwait — the heart of Kosovo. We export to France, Switzerland. Greece, Sweden, the Czech Republic, Russia and Belgium.

'And in addition to all this, Kosovo has 17 billion tons of coal reserves. Naturally, the Albanians want all this for them-

The sprawling state-owned Trepca mining complex, the most valuable piece of real estate in the Balkans, is worth at least \$5 billion and has made millions of dollars for President Slobodan Milosevic of Yugoslavia, according to his critics. Serbia

and its junior partner, Montenegro, are what remains of Yngoslavia. In March 1989, Mr. Milosevic revoked the autonomous status given to the ethnic Albanians, who make up 90 percent of the 2 million people in Kosovo, and he has refused to return any kind of self-governance. He is trying to crush a mounting armed resistance to his rule, and it appears that the mines, at least for a while, will

The Stari Tag mine, with its warehouses, is ringed with smelting plants, 17 metal treatment

"In the last three years we have mined 538,124 tons of lead and zinc crude ore," said Mr. Bjelic, 58, "and produced 286,502 tons of concentrated lead and zinc and 139,789 tons of pure lead, zinc, cadmium, silver and gold."

When the Nazis seized this corner of the Balkans in 1941, they handed over the hovels in Pristina, the provincial capital, to the Italian fascists. But they kept the British-built Trepca

A half-mile under the ground on which ethnic identity and nationalism dominate, the fight is over at least \$5 billion in mineral wealth.

mines, shipping out wagonloads of minerals for weapons and producing the batteries that powered the U-boats. Submarine batteries, along with ammunition, are still produced in the Trepca mines. The mining history reaches back to the Romans, who hacked out silver from the

In 1988, as Yugoslavia began to disintegrate, the fiercest resistance to Mr. Milosevic's vision of a Serb-dominated Yngoslavia roared out of the shafts of the four Trepca mine

Angered by the growth of the Serbian na-

in the inky universe. Worm-like diesel loaders roared dirough the corridors, laden with spark-ling ore, and huge drills snarled and spat at the last three years we have mined of the 23,000 employees, shut down the mines of the 23,000 employees, s of the 23,000 employees, shut down the mines and organized a 30-mile-long protest march to Pristina. They carried photos of the late Communist leader, Josip Broz Tito, and Yugoslav flags adorned with the Communist red star. The fealty shown to the old Yugoslavia appears naive and quaint given the armed rebellion under way

in the province. We believed in Yugoslavia," said Burhan Kavaja, ex-director of the Stari Tng mine, who was dismissed and imprisoned after the first strike. "We wanted to belong. You would never see an Albanian carry the state flag today. This conflict will only end now with our independence. Until then the Serbs will loot the mineral wealth of Kosovo."

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Mr. Milosevic promised the strikers that he would respect the province's autonomy and remove nationalist Serbs from posi-tions of power. The miners returned to the shafts. A year later the miners, realizing that they had been betrayed, began a series of hunger strikes and occupied the mines.

The mine protests led to general strikes throughout Kosovo, making Trepca the nerve center of the resistance movement. Serbian special policemen eventually seized

the mine, carrying weakened miners out on stretchers. When the province's autonomy was revoked, a state of emergency was declared. The ethnic Albanian miners were replaced with

These days, no more than 15 percent of the 15,000 mine workers are of Albanian origin, the government says, and most ethnic Albanians insist that the percentage is even smaller.

Branimir Dimitrijevic, one of the mine's managers, waded through a corridor filled with water, slime and mud that reached up and around his black rubber boots. A huge Swedish iron-cutting machine, one of four in the mine, whirled and belched like some deep-sea monster. Spotlights mounted on its cab lit up a vein of ore, and as the minerals oxidized, creating a suffocating heat, the miners were left gulping for air.

The workers, bare-chested and blackened with grime in the vast sweat house, stood aside

when a trolley loaded with chunks of rock rumbled down a tunnel on the iron tracks.

A few days ago, Mr. Dimitrijevic received the disturbing news that a nearby factory, where clothing for the miners is produced, had been seized by the rebels. Armed separatist guerrillas now guard the gates, and Serbs avoid the dir road to the factory. No one has yet tried to take it back.

"We will never give up Trepca!" he shouted over the drilling. "Serbs will fight to defend the mine. It is ours. We know how to make war if this is what the Albanians want. When they come to take my bro'her, then I will take three Albanians to my private prison until he is released. This is the only way to fight. This is the only language

Czech Rivals Join Forces In Political **Power Play**

By Peter S. Green

PRAGUE — The Social Democrats said Wednesday that they will form a minority government with the support of their arch rivals, the rightist Civic Democrats of ousted Prime Minister Vaclay Klaus.

The pact would end two weeks of uncertainty after nationwide parliamentary elections saw the Czech electorate split its vote. The two smaller centrist parties refused to join a Social Democrat-led government.

The agreement would include the So-cial Democrat leader, Milos Zeman, as prime minister and Mr. Klaus as chairman of the key lower house of Par-liament. But it would leave President Vaclav Havel unhappy, and is unlikely, say analysts, to implement digestly needed economic and political re-

The move shocked the country, which only two weeks ago had split its vote between the two parties. Mr. Klans and Mr. Zeman had waged vitriolic campaigns against one another before parliamentary elections two weeks ago. Mr. Klaus had even called for voters to 'mobilize'' against Mr. Zeman, who he suggested would return the country to

Mr. Klaus agreed to support Mr. Zewith the two smaller center-right

Commentators said the left-right accord was little more than a plan to grab power from smaller parties and from Mr. Havel himself, and that it threatened the republic's pluralist democracy. They said it would do nothing to combat economic recession, widespread corruption, and growing racial tension, or to ensure the country's entry into the European Union.

Mr. Havel is expected to formally name Mr. Zeman prime minister on Thursday, but a presidential political adviser, Jiri Pehe, said the president was "in no way enthusiastic about this." and he added that Mr. Havel considered the coalition to be about splitting polit-

ical power.
"Before the election the ODS was talking about the dangers of a leftist government and the Social Democrats were talking about the ODS scorched-arth policies," Mr. Pehe said. "If mainstream parties play these games with voters, then the extremists could

come back in a big way."

A London-based Czech analyst, who asked not to be identified, said the coalition "won't do anything to solve the economic problems, and Zeman can just forget about the clean-hands policy.

. The Prague stock exchange's main index fell 0.2 percent on the news amid fears that the government would not be able to pursue clear economic policies. Both Mr. Klaus and Mr. Zeman have

said they would like to change the country's current voting system of proportional representation to keep smaller parties out of Parliament, and limit the powers of the president.

But there seems to be little else on which they can agree. The Social Democrats want to use deficit spending to stimulate the econ-

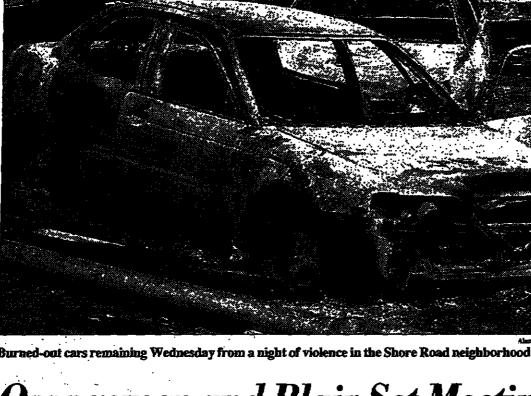
They also want to maintain the counary's low unemployment rate and extend the social safety net.

The Civic Democrats want to trira the safety net, but in Mr. Klaus's five years as Czech prime minister, incomplete reforms, loose capital-markets regulation, high government spending and an overvalued currency failed to reform the

Last quarter the economy shrank by 0.9 percent, and economists say the currency is overvalued by about 15 percent. Mr. Klaus said the agreement with Mr. Ceman was necessary to restore "polit-'ical stability" to the country, but newspaper commentators called it a sham. Talk of political stability is a

fraud," said Jiri Leschtina in the news-

paper Mlada Fronta Dnes.



Burned-out cars remaining Wednesday from a night of violence in the Shore Road neighborhood of Belfast.

Orangemen and Blair Set Meeting

tion in Northern Ireland entered its fourth man before even opening formal talks. day Wednesday as Protestant Orangemen prepared for meetings Thursday with Prime Minister Tony Blair to defuse tension before another round of the controversial marches this weekend.

For the third night running, there were disturbances and protests across the province, but the scale of unrest was less than on the two previous nights, the police said.

Members of the Protestant Orange Order, who want to march down the flash-point Garvaghy Road in the town of Portadown, continued to square up to the police and soldiers who had blocked their route for four days.

Mr. Blair's spokesman said the government was not in a position to reverse the ban on the Garvaghy Road march, and a compromise seemed unlikely to emerge from the talks in London.

cision made in law."

A senior Orangeman in Portadown suggested there would be little point in a meeting if Mr. Blair had already made up his mind. "I think we need to be careful that

Tony Blair doesn't fall into the trap that he has advised many other politicians against," that "when they go into talks like that there should be no preconditions," the Orange Order spokesman, David Jones, told BBC radio. The decision to ban the Orangemen

from Garvaghy Road was made by the independent Parades Commission, which wanted to avoid the kind of violence that could wreck Northern Ireland's fragile peace process.

The deputy leader of the main Protestant political party, the Ulster Unionists, said there would be worse violence if

"If the Orangemen have any sense of that, then they are wrong," the spokesman said. "We cannot change a de-Taylor told reporters. "If you let the parade go down the Garvaghy Road, there will be violence, and if you try to reroute it, there will be violence."

Meanwhile, the first contingents of an extra 800 British soldiers being sent to Northern Ireland were expected to arrive Wednesday, bringing the troop presence in the province to 18,000. They have been sent ahead of the 554 Protestant marches due to take place across the province this weekend.

Sunday is the anniversary of the 1690 Battle of the Boyne, when Protestant William of Orange defeated forces of the Roman Catholic King James II, and is the biggest occasion in the Orange Order calendar. The planned parades include one through a Catholic area of Belfast, and there are fears that if the Drumcree standoff is not resolved, many marches could turn violent. (AFP, Reuters)

BRIEFLY

Hungarian Leader Assumes His Post

BUDAPEST - Hungary's president on Wednesday formally authorized Prime Minister Viktor Orban's center-right government to take up

President Arpad Goencz handed over certificates allowing Mr. Orban and his cabinet to run the country. A brief parliamentary swearing-in cer-emony was scheduled for later Wednesday.

Combating organized crime and improving economic performance top the list of priorities of the new government, which will hold its first session Thursday.

Heading the Interior Ministry is Sandor Pinter, the country's former top police officer, who was fired by the previous government after an up-surge in organized crime that in the past six months has been blamed for 17 bombings in the capital alone.

The most recent bomb attack ripped through Budapest last Thursday, targeting and killing a police informer. Three other people were also killed and 24 wounded. A police investigation has so far produced no

Mr. Orban also wants Hungary to be remain a stable partner to foreign governments and foreign investors. (AP)

Germany Lifts Veil On Secret Archives

BONN - The German government waived a 30-year secrecy rule Wednesday and opened its archives on the momentous events following the collapse of the Berlin Wall.

Eckart Werthebach, junior interior minister, said the government had made the decision because of the exceptional nature of that period in history. The move will help shed light on events that have continued to cause speculation and controversy around the world.

East and West Germany were formally reunited in October 1990, after the Berlin Wall—symbol of the Cold War division of Europe—came down in November the previous year

amid scenes of mass rejoicing. The opening of the archives comes as confidential papers belonging to Chancellor Helmut Kohl relating to the reunification period are being

U.S. Envoy Meets With Baltic Officials

RIGA, Latvia — U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott and the foreign ministers of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania met Wednesday to but-tress the growing U.S.-Baltic cooper-ation that the Kremlin is watching warily. The meeting in the Latvian capital was the first session of the Partnership Commission formed by the U.S.-Baltic Charter that was

gned in January. In that document, the United States affirmed its support for the three former Soviet republics' efforts to join NATO. Russia is adamantly opposed to their membership, saying that bringing the Western military al-liance to Russia's western border

would be potentially destabilizing.

Mr. Talbott on Wednesday reiterated Washington's contention that Russia has nothing to fear from NATO. "If Russia can come to see the Baltics not as a passageway for invading armies or as the buffer against imaginary enemies but as a gateway outward, to the new Europe, of which it seeks to be an increasingly active part, then everyone will ben-efit," he said, according to the Baltic News Service.

A Dutch Minister Plans to Step Down

THE HAGUE - Foreign Minister Hans van Mierlo of the Netherlands announced on Wednesday he would

Mr. van Mierlo, foreign minister since 1994 and founder of the centrist D66 party, said he would not return in the next cabinet or take a seat in the

new Parliament. Elections on May 6 returned the ruling coalition of Labor, Liberals and D66 in a stronger overall position, but delivered a blow to D66. The junior partner lost 10 of its 24 seats and has since agreed to surrender one

"It's a shame, but I recognize the logic," Mr. van Mierlo told a news conference. His decision to quit clears the way for the Liberals to take the

of its three ministerial posts.

Foreign Ministry job.
Mr. van Mierlo, who stepped down as D66 leader last year, was a newspaper editor when he set up the party in September 1966 with the aim of shaking up the political system. (Reuters)



VOLUNTEERS — Deborah Corbi, left, head of the Association of Aspiring Women Soldiers, leading a protest Wednesday in Rome outside the Chamber of Deputies over the slow progress of a law allowing women to join the military. The group says the government has reneged on a promise to get the law passed by this summer.

It's About Time to Bring Up the Bubbly

Salvagers Trying to Raise Sunken Ship With Well-Aged Champagne

ABOARD THE PERNILLE DIVER, Baltic Sea — Divers struggled in the icy Baltic Sea on Wednesday, trying to put a special harness around a ship laden with cognac and champagne that was sunk in 1916. Salvage operators hope that the hull can be raised by a floating crane.

The divers, part of a Swedish-led mission to salvage the ship and its apparently well-preserved content, were working in six-hour shifts around the clock, said the salvage operation master, Paw Jacobsen.

Mr. Jacobsen said the divers, who were braving heavy pressure at 64 meters (210 feet) under water, had placed a sling under the sunken ship's aft, but were delayed in the bow by debris on the

"The lifting is now delayed until Thursday," he told reporters who are aboard the 560-ton floating crane Pernille Diver.

The divers spend up to six hours under water in one descent and must stay four bours in a decompression chamber to avoid the bends when they surface.

The ketch Jonkoping carried 5,000 bottles of 1907 Heidsieck & Co. champagne and 67 casks of cognac for the Russian Army garrison in Finland dur-ing World War I. The ketch was sunk by a German submarine.

Claes Bergvall, the head of the expedition, hopes that the value of the liquid treasure aboard the Jonkoping

will rise into the hundreds of millions of dollars if the experts' predictions - that the cold and dark Baltic created ideal maturing conditions - prove right. Several hundred champagne bottles

have been recovered already, and those who have tasted it have been ecstatic. A French expert, who identified the Heidsieck's sweet taste as "gout americain," wrote that it was preserved so well that a blind tasting would put its age

at 10 years. "This wine is completely exceptional and surprising," Claude Maratier, a Paris-based wine-taster, wrote. "Its immersion up to the present seems to have been an indisputable factor of its perfect conservation.

Mr. Bergvall hopes each champagne bottle will fetch over \$3,000 at auction and plans to put the cognac, if indeed it is well-preserved, into specially designed bottles before selling it to connoisseurs. He says up to 80,000 bottles could be filled.

Once the ship is lifted close to the surface, the cargo will be removed to the Pernille Diver, he said. He is still undecided about what to do

next, since bringing so much liquor into either Sweden or Finland, which have strict alcohol rules, could result in a long legal struggle.

"I'm waiting for legal advice on where to take the cargo, and we may have to take it to Denmark or Germany," Mr. Bergvall said. Mr. Bergvall found the wreck a year

ago after months of digging in libraries to find out about the Jonkoping's ill-fated journey, which ended just 25 miles from the ship's destination port of Rauma on Finland's west coast.

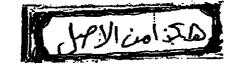
Mr. Bergvall's ambition is to tow the Jonkoping back to its home port of Gavle in Sweden and turn it into a museum. He is also planning to salvage another small vessel sunk in the Baltic that might have carried smuggled gold.

But he vows to embark on that adventure in secret after the Jonkoping's bubbly treasure lured a rival Finnish mission that, he said, threatened to snatch it from under his nose.

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Sudden Death of Leader May Fuel More Turmoil and Bitterness in Nigeria

By Howard W. French New York Times Service

With the abrupt death of Nigeria's most prominent civilian politician, Moshood Abiola, Nigeria has lost in only one month the two leaders whose rivalry locked the country in a costly fouryear stalemate

When President Sani Abacha, Mr. Abiola's one-time friend and, more recently, jailer and tormentor, died last month, many Nigerians were relieved, saying that with the steel-fisted dictator

gone, political life at last could move forward. The opposition wanted Mr. Abiola proclaimed civilian democratic rule. the rightful president because he was clearly winning the 1993 elections before the military annulied them. But the seemingly more moderate generals who succeeded General Abacha balked at the idea of Mr. Abiola as president. Instead, the country forward. new government and, Nigerian opposition fig-ures say, some Western diplomats appeared set on persuading Mr. Abiola that he had no claim on the presidency and should gracefully fade from

At one level, Mr. Abiola's death would seem to the presidency.

settle the issue neatly. But in a country where few events - especially sudden deaths - rest on their readiest interpretations, where ethnic and regional divisions remain immense and where the military's history of dominating politics is so complete, Mr. Abiola's surprising end is only likely to further complicate matters, at least in the turbulent short term.

There is already considerable resentment in Nigeria about what is seen as a failure on the part of Western powers to demand that the mil-**ANALYSIS** itary turn over government to

Add to this Mr. Abiola's death, and the main result is a potentially explosive situation in which everyone distrusts everyone else, including the outside brokers who have come to help ease the

In this instance the outsider is the UN secretary-general, Kofi Annan, who came to Nigeria last week and announced after a meeting with Mr. Abiola that the politician wanted to "get on with his life" and would no longer insist on claiming

bitterly why the jailed politician had not been comment to release Abiola and the other prisoners. 1980s, Mr. Abiola's more recent democratic creallowed to speak to the nation directly, or even meet with his own advisers.

Mr. Annan's visit was followed Tuesday by that of Thomas Pickering, U.S. undersecretary of state for political affairs and a former ambassador to Nigeria, who met with Nigeria's new leader, General Abdulsalam Abubakar, and was with Mr. Abiola when he became ill.

Diplomats in Mr. Pickering's delegation said they had come to Nigeria to insist on the release of all political prisoners, a return to civilian rule and an early date for new elections. Conspicuously absent, however, was any demand for a formal political role for Mr. Abiola, the pre-sumed winner of what have been widely called the country's most democratic elections.

In comments not intended for attribution, Western diplomats have told journalists that Mr. Abiola's 1993 election can no longer be considered valid, and it is widely assumed that they, like Mr. Annan, were seeking to ease Mr. Abiola

and get on with elections," said Walter Car- dentials were as solid as they come in Nigeria.

to get Abiola to relinquish his mandate was very winning in every region of this traditionally wrong," he added. "We should have insisted on polarized country.

his unconditional release and that he be allowed. The Nigerian reaction to Mr. Abiola's death;

time, but then stopped short of seeking validation clusion from power.

for the results. Similarly, Western diplomats routinely urged the government to release Mr. (Moshood) Abiola renounced the presidency. Abiola on humanitarian grounds, but never said Gani Fawehimni, head of the Joint Action for this ambivalence, always invoked off the record, ranged from his supposedly mercurial character to his alleged contacts with Nigerian the pressure being placed on him killed Abiola.

But for all his shady business dealings with soon wish that he was back."

Mr. Abiola's family and close supporters im"The idea of these missions was good in-military leaders and high-level involvement in
mediately disputed these statements and asked—theory if they were aimed at pressuring the gov—mile heavily corrupt civilian politics of the

rington, a recent U.S. ambassador to Nigeria. Nigerian government officials and Western But starting with Annan's statements about diplomats alike acknowledge that in the 1993 renouncing a claim to the presidency, any effort race, Mr. Abiola, a millionaire businessman, was

to meet with his supporters and not be forced to and to the latest diplomacy, has been swift and make agreements under duress."

western ambivalence toward Mr. Abiola is where his Yoruba ethnic group — one of the long-standing. After the 1993 elections were nation's three largest — deeply resemts what it. annulled, Washington and London protested for a sees as yet another chapter in its deliberate ex-

dwelled on his presumed mandate. The reasons Committee of Nigeria, which groups anti-mil-

But those who wanted to be rid of Abiola will

Major Nations Urge Halt To Aid for Kosovo Rebels

Contact Group Calls on Serbs to Stop Attacks

By Craig R. Whitney

PARIS — The United States, Russia and European countries monitoring fighting between ethnic Albanian and Serbian forces in Kosovo Province condemned outside support for the rebels Wednesday and urged all states to keep exile groups from financing

arms for the insurgents.

Warning that chances of a peaceful settlement had deteriorated over the past month, diplomats of the six countries. meeting near Bonn, called on President Slobodan Milosevic of Yugoslavia to live up to commitments he made in Moscow on June 16 to stop the Serbian attacks and resume dialogue with the ethnic Albanian political leadership in Kosovo under Ibrahim Rugova.

banian negotiating teams should in- servers in Kosovo. clude representatives of the fighters, some of whom have claimed recently that Mr. Rugova did not speak for them. Britain and France, do not endorse.

the two sides some basic elements of a political settlement. Although officials before Mr. Milosevic, then the leader of Serbia, revoked it in 1989.

cem Wednesday about the danger that the conflict could draw in Albania as well as Macedonia, which also has a sizable Albanian ethnic minority, unless the international community can keep the situation under control.

Officials of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization said Wednesday in Brussels that military contingency plans could be put into effect within hours if NATO was called upon to act in Kosovo, and the Contact Group states threatened again to consider mil-itary steps if the belligerents ignored demands to stop the fighting.

The six countries also said they would work for a United Nations Security Council resolution calling on both sides to stop fighting, requiring Mr. Milosevic to keep his promises to resume dialogue, and requiring both the For the first time, the six Contact Serbian authorities and the rebels to Group states also agreed that the Al- ensure the safety of international ob-

Reflecting the frustration that an American special emissary to the Balkans, Richard Holbrooke, said be and Like the rebels, Mr. Rugova has called other U.S. diplomats had experienced for independence for the province, a last weekend with disunity between the goal the Contact Group countries, the Albanian political leadership in Pristina United States, Russia, Germany, Italy, and the fighters of the Kosovo Liberation Army, the statement from Bonn on Wed---To speed negotiations, the six counnesday was almost-as critical of the tries said they had agreed to suggest to insurgents as of Mr. Milosevic.

"Although the primary responsibility for the situation in Kosovo rests with did not elaborate Wednesday, they have Belgrade, the Contact Group acknowlsaid that any settlement would have to edges that armed Kosovo Albanian restore the autonomy that Kosovo had groups also have a responsibility to avoid violence and all armed activities." "The Contact Group reiterated



General Wesley Clark, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, left, with the Albanian defense chief, Aleks Andoni, on an Italian warship that was visiting Albania with three other NATO ships on Wednesday.

on the Kosovo Albanian side should added, "We will try to interrupt their commit themselves to dialogue and a ability to sustain themselves through peaceful settlement and reject violence the full chain of supply," The As-

Robert Gelbard, the Clinton administration's principal troubleshooter in team for all these talks must be fully The majority of the province's 2 mil- that violence is inadmissible and will not the area, said in Bonn that the Kosovo representative of their community in lion people are ethnic Albanians, and the solve the problem of Kosovo. Indeed, it Liberation Army controlled more than order to speak authoritatively," diplomats in Bonn also expressed con- will only make it more difficult to 30 percent of the territory in the statement said.

achieve a political solution. The Contact province. But if the guerrillas did not Group also concluded that all concerned agree to seek a peaceful settlement, he

and acts of terrorism." sociated Press reported.

The statement continued: "The Con—But-the-diplomats, none of whose tact Group insisted that those outside countries had even acknowledged the Federal Republic of Yagoslavia meeting with rebel military leaders unwho are supplying financial support, til last month, agreed Wednesday that arms or training for anned Kosovo Althey would have to be part of the nebanian groups should cease doing so gotiating process if it was to have any chance of success.

"It is clear that the Kosovo Albanian

NIGERIA: Rioting Follows Abiola Death

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million people over three years.

It is going to require "enormous statesmanship from the government" to limit its response to the violence, "and more than that, from everyone," Miss Obe said. "I don't know whether we have the resources within ourselves to

avoid the worst." She said the only move by the military that might quickly calm Yoruba vol-atility would be for it immediately to resign in favor of a national unity gov-emment to usher in civilian rule. But even if General Abubakar were to contemplate such a step, she said, "'we don't

know how much in charge he is." "Most of the people under him were people who were working for Abacha,"

It remained unclear that an autopsy might calm the widespread view that Mr. Abiola was poisoned. A careful postmortem that turned up clogged arteries and a blood clot in a key blood vessel feeding the heart would strongly suggest from detention.

a natural death, said Dr. David Meyerson. a cardiologist at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore who is spokesman for the American Heart Association.

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But "you have to leave a little wiggle room," Dr. Meyerson said. Intelligence or military agencies focused on covert operations "might have access to substances that would be short-lived" that could cause a chaotic beart rhythm and then later be undetectable, he said.

■ No Mention of Democracy

General Abdulsalam Abubakar dis 5 missed the 34-member cabinet of civilian and military ministers but left the all-military ruling council untouched? Reuters reported from Lagos.

In an broadcast to Nigerians, General Abubakar made no mention of concrete plans to restore democracy, or to release more political prisoners, which the international community and local political groups have urged

He described the death of Mr. Abiola as tragic because he was near freedom

PALESTINE: A Timebomb on Statehood

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The PLO will remain an observer, but with the added right to take part in the General Assembly debates and co-spon-

concession required to restart negoti- partial Palestinian rule. ations evidently stalled, and mutual recriminations between Israel and the Pal- will declare sovereignty only over terestinians reaching vitriolic levels, the ritory he controls, but whether that ingrowing expectation among those who cludes the areas of shared control is monitor the process is that Mr. Arafat ailing at 68 and politically weakened will have no choice but to proclaim the claim all the land conquered by Israel in state that has been his goal for 30

"Arafat needs to come to his people after five years of interim agreement with some substantial thing in his hand. which might push him to the decla-ration," said Ron Pundak, an Israeli historian and one of the academics whose secret meetings with the PLO laid the groundwork for the Oslo agree-

Using Mr. Netanyahu's nickname, Mr. Pundak added: "Though I believe Arafat himself prefers to achieve statehood through negotiations, the gap be-tween him and Bibi is huge. It's impossible to bridge. The pressure on him

Mr. Arafat's justification for setting the information infrastructure of another May 4 as the deadline is that the day country? What are the risks of provoking marks the end of the five-year transitional period stipulated in the Oslo accords, which began when Israel and the PLO signed the agreement in Cairo on that day in 1994.

What the Oslo timetable refers to as final-status talks were to have begun in May 1996 and were to be concluded by May 1999. A formal opening session was actually held in 1996, but later that May, Mr. Netanyahu was elected prime nister, and talks gradually ground to a

Oslo set a maximum time for reaching an agreement," said Nabil Shaath, a senior official of the Palestinian Authority. "This was the maximum time not the minimum, not the average after which the interim period falls on its territories, whether it becomes an independent state or something else, is not really a matter of negotiations. It's en-tirely a matter for Palestinians to de-two separate foreign crises simultations.

Israelis, of course, disagree vehe-mently, "Obviously the declaration of a state would be the scuttling of the Oslo agreement, and we would do whatever we found necessary to protect Israel from whatever threat would be posed by a Palestinian state," said David Bar-Ilan, Mr. Netanyahu's director of communications. "The first thing we would do is to try to dissuade the nations of the world from recognizing the state that came into being without negotiations."

The argument that a unilateral dec-

which has been increasingly critical of Mr. Netanyahu's policies.

Climon in January supporting Palestin- Frank

ian statehood has been taken by Palestinians and Israelis alike as a reflection #

of White House sentiments. The next question is: What would a declaration of statehood mean?

The Palestinian Authority has full The Israeli government condemned control over most of the Gaza Strip and the PLO's application for a higher stams about 3 percent of the West Bank, and as a "very gross and substantial vi-olation" of the Oslo peace accords and under joint Palestinian-Israeli control. If campaigned fiercely against it.

Yet, with the U.S. efforts to persuade
Mr. Netanyahu to make the territorial

Mr. Netanyahu agrees to the further withdrawal demanded by Washington, another 13 percent would come under

Mr. Arafat has told visitors that he

It is also unclear whether he would the 1967 Arab-Israeli war, including East Jerusalem, as occupied territory be-

nging to his state.
If violence does empt, all that is certain, longing to his state. is that each side will blame the other.

BRITAIN: Military Reform

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there, and the armed forces will have the capability to put people in the field," he

The plan also maintains Britain's nuclear deterrent, a move that did not come as a surprise but reinforced the notion of just how far the Labour Party of Prime. Minister Tony Blair has moved from its' traditional policies. Through many years while the party was in opposition in the, 1970s and 1980s, its leftist leaders campaigned for unilateral nuclear disarmament and called for the country's Trident submarines to be brought ashore."

Mr. Robertson said the Tridenis," would remain on patrol, but the number of operationally available nuclear war-heads will be reduced from 300 to 200.

The army is to be restructured to infprove its ability to train for, mount and sustain distant operations, with two deli-ployable divisions — one based in Britain and the other in Germany where Britain has 22,000 troops stationed. Mf. Robertson reaffirmed Britain's commitface. When this happens, the status of the ment to buy 232 Eurofighters, the standardized European-built combat plane.

Mr. Segal said the plans would give

neously, a "middle power" strategy. The United States is committed to being able to conduct full-scale war in two places at the same time. He said the idea was to dissuade one dictator from taking aggressive action because Western troops were tied up in another place.

Mr. Robertson stressed Britain's will.

ingness to act fast with rapid deployment forces from other countries. "We will declare as potentially available to the United Nations a much larger proportion of our readily available forces,"

The military also plans to sell off more laration of a state violates the Oslo accords, or veiled threats from Mr. Net-anyahn, would probably not dissuade priced property in London, like the Duke of York's Headquarters on the fash. More than likely, his state would be quickly recognized not only by traditional supporters in the Middle East and the Third World, but also by Europe, where a flower show takes place every the state of the traditional supporters in the Middle East and the Third World, but also by Europe, where a flower show takes place every the state of the traditional support of the state of th

spring.
"Anything at all in the base would be Though Washington has tried to steer
Mr. Arafat away from a unilateral declaration, a statement by Hillary Rodham
Brown, head of retail sales at Knight

CYBER: New Horizons in Warfare Lack Rules, Strategy and a Command Structure

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and on the Joint Staff to give greater attention to offensive as well as defensive computer operations. And regional military commanders have been instructed to review their war plans for tween the Defense Department and inways in which cyber weapons can be telligence agencies. substituted for conventional munitions. 'That's causing some pretty aggres-

sive thinking about how they might be able to go after some targets with electrons instead of iron bombs," said one informed congressional staff member. Last year, military and intelligence officials overcame concerns and set up a joint Information Operations Technol-

Agency, the supersecret organization responsible for surveillance of foreign communication networks. But there appears to be little inclination on the part of senior Pentagon officials to establish a special command for cyber operations. "I don't think there's a special requirement to create a special process to deal with cyber weapons," said a gen-

eral on the Pentagon's Joint Staff.
"Clearly, the basic processes for gening approval are in place, the same ones we use for execution of any military The full extent of U.S. offensive capabilities for cyber warfare is among the most tightly held national security

secrets. According to various accounts, the government has explored ways of planting computer viruses — or "logic bombs" — in foreign networks to sow confusion and disruption. It has considered manipulating cyberspace to disable an enemy air-de-

fense network without firing a shot, shut off electricity and telephone service in major cities, feed false information about troop locations into an adversary's computers and "morph" video images onto foreign television channels. Pentagon officials say they are at an

early stage of thinking about the various applications for cyber weapons and the legal, ethical and operational consequences of employing them.

But because of secrecy concerns, many of the programs remain known only to strictly compartmentalized groups, inhibiting the drafting of general policy or specific rules of engagement.
"It's a little bit like medical ethics," said a high-ranking Defense Department official. The technology gives you the capabilities that go a lot further than the

ethical context for using them sometimes. This is a very tough area. A presidential decision directive last month outlining a plan for raising U.S. defensive barriers against computer at-

tack made no mention of the offensive formation operations is that whenever plans. "That's a hard thing to model." officials say no presidential directive about offensive capabilities is even in itional and operational differences be- sified form."

Similarly, Congress has held next to no public debate on the direction the United States should be heading in inventing cyber weapons, writing guidelines for their use or weighing the potential international repercussions of unleashing them. At a Senate hearing last month that focused on the vulnerability of America's own information ogy Center at the National Security systems to unauthorized entry, Senator Carl Levin, Democrat of Michigan, gingerly ventured a question about whether the United States was devel-

oping offensive capabilities. In a one-sentence reply, George Ten-et, the director of central intelligence, said the nation could rest assured, "We're not asleep at the switch in this

regard." 'It's my sense that the policy in this area is at a fairly immature stage of development," said a Senate staff mem-

side of the issue. Senior administration you get into the offensive stuff, you very mickly run into a security brick wall. The Defense Department has next to the works that might help resolve defin- nothing to say about this in an unclas-

For all the heightened interest in cyber warfare, specialists cautioned that vawning gaps exist between what the technology promises and what practitioners can deliver. Large-scale computer attacks require an extraordinary amount of detailed intelligence about a nation's hardware and software systems, as well as about the habits and decision-making processes of foreign political and mil-itary authorities. Moreover, cyber operations can become unwieldy.

"Frequently, we like to think of electronic attack as the ultimate in precision weapons," said Vice Admiral Arthur Cebrowski, a leading U.S. Navy authority on the subject. "But these are not necessarily very precise instruments." Further, much is still unknown about

how a major cyber attack would play out.
"We don't understand the cascading effects on decision-making of what pro-

Other critical questions surround these largely untested weapons, according to experts inside and outside government. Given their broad destructive potential, for instance, should cyber ments. weapons be treated the way nuclear bombs have been and placed under a special military command authority, similar to the Strategic Command that manages targeting plans for the U.S.

atomic arsenal? When should the United States consider it justifiable to take down chunks of retaliation against U.S. computer net-

How should intrusions into foreign systems be conducted in peacetime for the benefit of intelligence gathering, and when does such passive snooping — which often involves the same computer techniques as offensive action — cross some boundary into forms of outright

aggression? 'What constitutes an act of war in this area? It's never been made clear," said Brenton Greene, a former Pentagon spedevelopment," said a Senate staff member with oversight responsibility. "But part of the problem in discussing in
viding defective data to an enemy may callist in information operations who mean," said a colonel responsible for the problem in discussing in
the air force's information warfare studied U.S. vulnerabilities.

Former Aide Says U.S. Was Wrong on Rwanda

Mr. Cohen was assistant secretary of state for African testified before a French parliamentary committee on the massacres in Rwanda in 1994 and was highly critical of the American decision not to interest the interest of the secretary of state for African when the killings began in April 1904 between the control of the secretary of state for African when the killings began in April 1904 between the killings began in April 1905 began to the control of the second testing testing the second testing testing the second testing testi

American decision not to intervene.

Herman Cohen, a former assistant secretary of state, testified Tuesday before a committee investigating charges that the French intervention slowed the advance of Tutsi rebels seeking to overthrow a Hutu-dominated government, which Paris had backed, thus permitting organizers of the massacres to flee to what was then Zaire.

Mr. Cohen, who is no longer in government service, said the United States stopped the United Nations from sending 5,000 African soldiers who may have prevented the killings. An estimated half-million Tutsi and moderate Hutu were killed by soldiers of the Hutn-led government and its allied militias. The Tutsi-led rebels eventually took power. "After the earlier killing of American soldiers in So-

malia, I could understand there was no question of sending

American troops to Africa, but I could not accept the United States opposing the sending of African troops," Mr. Cohen said. "After all, an African farmer is not going to cut off his neighbor's head if a foreign soldier is nearby looking on." But Mr. Cohen lavishly praised French efforts to try to halt the massacres. Dispatch of the French troops, code-

between 20,000 and 40,000 Tutsi lives," he added.

when the killings began, in April 1994, but he was in office during an earlier French intervention in 1990, which he said helped stabilize the situation and prevent an earlier ca-tastrophe. Since leaving office, Mr. Cohen has frequently issued scathing criticisms of Washington's failure to intervene in Rwanda.

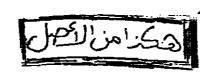
President Bill Clinton apologized for the lack of action while he visited Rwanda this year, saying, "We did not immediately call these crimes by their rightful name: gen-

Mr. Cohen, who spoke in French during his hour-long testimony, dismissed suspicions by some French officials that the United States, backed by Britain, had sought to oust France from long-held positions of influence in Africa. The notion of an Anglo-Saxon plot is completely ridiculous," he said.

A former French defense minister, Francois Leotard, testified before the same committee in April that the late President François Mitterrand had been obsessed by

French-American rivalry in the region.

Mr. Cohen said: "We provided zero support for the rebels, zero arms, zero logistics. The only support we gave named Operation Turquoise, "was the only effort made to save Tutsi lives," he said. "I believe Turquoise saved because they were then members of the Ugandan Army."



INTERNATIONAL

The Case of the Stolen Children Returns to Haunt an Argentine Dictator

By Anthony Faiola
Washington Post Service

BUENOS AIRES - In the end, it is the children who could be the downfall of a former Argentine dictator

In 1990, Jorge Videla, a retired general, was pardoned for crimes committed during Argentina's "dirty war" — when more than 10,000 suspected dissidents and sympathizers "disappeared" at the hands of military rulers.

Now he has been ordered to stand trial on charges that he stole the babies of pregnant prisoners and gave them to officers and friends of the military for adoption.

A federal judge ruled this week that "crimes against children" were not covered by General Videla's pardon, which granted amnesty to

The arrest and imprisonment of General Videla, who was de facto president in the military junta from 1976 to 1981, and also a former chief of the army, underscores how far Argentina has come since that era, during which civilians were living in fear of military oppression, and when many were acrested.

After General Videla's arrest June 9, the present military hierarchy here has remained virtually mum. Only a few graying retired officers spoke out in support of him, then backtracked as authorities broadened the investiention into the abduction of children of "dirty war" prisoners.

"I think for us, this represents that we have reached a certain stage in our development,'

members of the military junta that ruled Argentina from 1976 to 1983.

said Rosa Roisinblit, vice president of the Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo, a group made up of relatives of people imprisoned during military rule.

Her daughter, a dissident, was taken prisoner while eight months pregnant in 1978. She was informed that her daughter gave birth to a baby boy a month later, but, like hundreds of Arentine parents, she never saw her daughter or grandchild again.

"This is the beginning of justice," Mrs. Roisinblit said. "There are many more military leaders out there who were responsible, and it is time they faced judgment by this country."

General Videla's arrest was ordered by a federal judge, Roberto Marquevich, who under the Argentine justice system acts as both investigator and trial judge. This week, he ordered

As in other South American democracies that have emerged from long periods of authoritarian rule, the case of the stolen children has accelerated a trend in Argentina to re-examine its decision to pardon former dictators in the interest

President Carlos Saul Menem, who initially granted the junta members amnesty in 1990 in a gesture intended to "unite the country," now says he will not lift a finger to pardon General Videla. who is now 73. He faces up to 25 years in prison if convicted.

"It's a judicial matter," the president told reporters. "I am confident Argentina's democratic institutions are working well."

So far, General Videla has been charged with five cases of child abduction; he could face more

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such charges as the investigation continues. More information surfaces daily here about 'child stealings," and the Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo estimate their number at more

The emerging allegations are shocking. Nurses who were employed by the military government in the 1970s, for instance, have gone public with their testimony, which has been

published in magazines and newspapers. One nurse told the magazine Tres Puntos that pregnant female prisoners were brought blindfolded and handcuffed to two secret maternity rooms at the Campo de Mayo army headquarters outside Buenos Aires. There, she said, the women gave birth and were often thrown back into cells or killed without ever having seen their

A Third of Births **Are Not Registered**

Situation Puts Children in Limbo

- By Barbara Crossette New York Times Service

UNITED NATIONS, New York — Perhaps one-third of age all babies do not have their More generally immuniz-births registered, leaving ation campaigns often un-them in an official limbo that covered previously uncouncan mean missed educational opportunities and health care, Unicef said in a new report.

Without proof of birth, a child cannot be legally vaccinated in at least 20 com- tificates. tries," said the report, to be published Wednesday by Unicef, the UN children's fund. "More than 30 countries require birth registration before a child can be treated in a health center.

'Most countries demand to see a birth certificate before enrolling a child in school." The report, "The Progress ran Africa and some Asian of Nations 1998," calls the nations, notably India and birth certificate a crucial piece of paper, 'proof of what might be called the 'first

right,' the right to an official The executive director of Unicef, Carol Bellamy, said in an interview Monday that the organization began to focus on birth registration for a number of reasons. Unicef of- report found, citing high reficials saw Rwandan refugee children being thrown into adult camps with men who

had carried ont genocidal at-tacks, but Unicef found it hard to separate them because they had no proof of their

ted children, she said. And work with street children revealed the difficulties inherent in finding them schools if they did not have birth cer-

"Not having a birth certificate is the functional equivalent of not having been born," she said. The lack of certificates allows children to be more easily exploited as child labor or sex workers, she added.

Unicef found that registration was lowest in sub-Saha-Burma, where between a third and a half of births were reg-istered, and Cambodia, which had no registration system at

Vietnam did not have enough data to make an estimate.

Poverty does not determine the level of registration, the gistration rates in most of Latin America, central Asia and North Africa.



LOBBYING - Israeli Orthodox leaders urging Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, right, and Tourism Minister Moshe Katzav to kill an army service bill on Wednesday.

Egypt's Envoy in Israeli Court Accused of Attempted Rape

TEL AVIV --- An Israeli court decided in a landmark ruling Wednesday that it can hear a complaint by a belly dancer accusing Egypt's long-serving ambassador of attempted rape despite his diplomatic immunity.

The Israeli dancer filed a \$290,000 lawsuit against Mohammed Bassionny in December, accusing him of luring her to an Israeli doctor's apartment and assaulting

Initially, Mr. Bassiouny, who has served in Israel since 1986, was told be was protected by his diplomatic immunity, but the magistrates at the Tel Aviv court ruled that he could not use his privileges as ambassador to avoid civil action.

The court decision, taken after consultation with Israel's attorney general, Eliakim Rubinstein, is without precedent in the Jewish state.

The dancer's lawyer, Nitzana Darshan-Leitner, argued that the immunity should protect the ambassador in incidents connected to his job but could not extend to

The Egyptian Embassy in Israel made no comment on the court decision.

In her suit, the dancer accused Mr. Bassionny and a plastic surgeon, Yehoshafat Shulman, of luring her to the doctor's apartment on several occasions, the last to let

Mr. Bassiomy rape her, according to her attorney.

The belly dancer is claiming damages for loss of work, saying she has not performed since the incident was publicized, and has been left traumatized, the dancer's

3 French Experts Are in Iraq To Test Warheads for Nerve Gas

PARIS — Three French experts are in Baghdad to take samples from Iraqi warheads to test for the VX nerve gas after U.S. tests found traces of the deadly agent, the Foreign Ministry announced Wednesday. The testing will check allegations by the Pentagon that Baghdad equipped its warheads with VX nerve gas before the Gulf War despite its repeated denials.

A French ministry spokesman said it was not a question of getting a second opinion on the American tests but that the French tests had been planned from the

Three experts from a Swiss laboratory who are specialized in atomic and chemical armaments will soon leave for Iraq on a similar mission, the Swiss Defense

Ministry has announced. The UN Security Council extended sanctions on aghdad last month after Richard Butler, chairman of the UN Special Commission, presented results of analyses in a U.S. laboratory that he said proved Baghdad had equipped missiles with VX before the beginning of the Gulf conflict. (AFP) the Gulf conflict.

Iran Says It Won't Recognize Russian-Kazakh Oil Accord

TEHRAN - Iran will not recognize this week's agreement between Russia and Kazakhstan on the potentially huge oil resources of the landlocked Caspian Sea, the Foreign Ministry said Wednesday.

Iran believes that the five nations bordering the sea "should reach a comprehensive agreement on a just and equitable share-out of the Caspian's resources," a min-

istry spokesman said. The agreement signed in Moscow on Monday divided the oil resources of the northern Caspian into Russian and Kazakh sectors, rather than considering the region to be under international jurisdiction, with equal shares for the five nations bordering the sea. The accord was a

major setback for Iran. The world's largest inland sea is thought to have the third largest oil reserves after those of the Gulf and

Washington, which has placed Iran under a unilateral economic embargo, has sought to prevent Tehran from getting a grip on the Caspian's oil resources. (AFP)

For the Record

A candle apparently sparked a fire in one of Latin America's oldest churches, the Temple of the Holy Kings in Metztitlan, Mexico. The fire destroyed a 17th-century painting revered by Catholic faithful. (AP)

Puerto Rico Strike Hits Statehood Drive

By Guy Gugliotta

SAN JUAN, Puezto Rico ---48-hour general strike by police said.] union workers is paralyzing most businesses, slowing tourto protest a government de-cision to sell the publicly

owned telephone company. erto Rico's 3.8 million inhabitants. As a result, it could set back Governor Pedro Rossello's efforts with Congress to promote a change in the island's status from U.S. commonwealth to the 51st state in the Union.

More than 50 unions representing about 300,000 public-sector workers called what they billed as a 48-hour eneral strike Tuesday and Wednesday in support of telephone workers demanding that Mr. Rossello reconsider his decision to sell Puerto co Telephone Co. to GTE

Corp. for \$1.75 billion. Pickets impeded traffic on major thoroughfares and blocked entry to shopping centers and office buildings throughout the island. Thousands of union members and sympathizers held procesons and demonstrations. The strike forced cancellation of two cruise ship visits to San Juan, and protesters halted traffic in and out of Luis Munoz Marin International Airport for hours.

Mr. Rossello declined to address the effectiveness of the strike, saying at a news conference only that "our role is to make sure basic services are not interrupted, and that has been accomplished." But the governor left little doubt that the strikers' principal demands — to get him to halt the telephone company sale or hold a referendum on it will not be met.

"This is representative gov-ernment," he told reporters You don't do things based on who makes the biggest de-mands or shouts the loudest."

[Early Wednesday, rampa-ging teenagers smashed shop windows and harled bottles and cans at the police, The ssociated Press reported. The police fired tear gas to halt the riot, which erupted soon after midnight near the suburban headquarters of Puerto Rico Telephone Co. Dozens of

and has operated it at a profit privatization efforts and thus autonomy under the ways been a ray of light.

the telephone company has al- on the road to statehood.

youngsters smashed the win- the sale also grew dramatically would have a chance to vote dows of a police car, a Burger outside the company, along by the end of the year in a King restaurant and other with resentment toward Mr. plebiscite on the island's shops at San Patricio Plaza, the Rossello. He was seen by status: whether the island police said.] some opponents to be pushing should become a state or an the government bought the the sale to impress congressional Republicans with his a commonwealth with local

ist trade to a crawl and en- ever since. Among the ill-run win support for a Senate bill flag.

string thousands of islanders public ventures on the island, that could move Puerto Rico But he conceded that the strike could cost him support Governor Rossello said be for statehood. Still, he prom-About 6,400 union workers did not think the strike would ised to push ahead. "De-The telephone company struck the company shortly hurt chances of passing the cisions cannot be taken on the dispute has clearly touched a nationalist nerve among Puther of the GTE deal. Opposition to was confident Puerto Ricans to push alleat. Decisions cannot be taken on the basis of an electoral formula," he said.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Airport Authority Headquarters Building and Neighbourhood Retail Development

The Airport Authority ("Authority") is the owner and operator of the Hong Kong International Airport. The Authority is now inviting expressions of interest from experienced companies rested in designing and constructing:

Airport Authority Headquerters Building

With a total gross floor area of approximately 20,000 sq m on a site in the North Commercial District across from the Passenger Terminal Building, the Headquarters Building will consist of office floors, retail and car parking facilities. This office building is the first phase of a larger mixed-use Airport Village development.

Neighbourhood Retail Development

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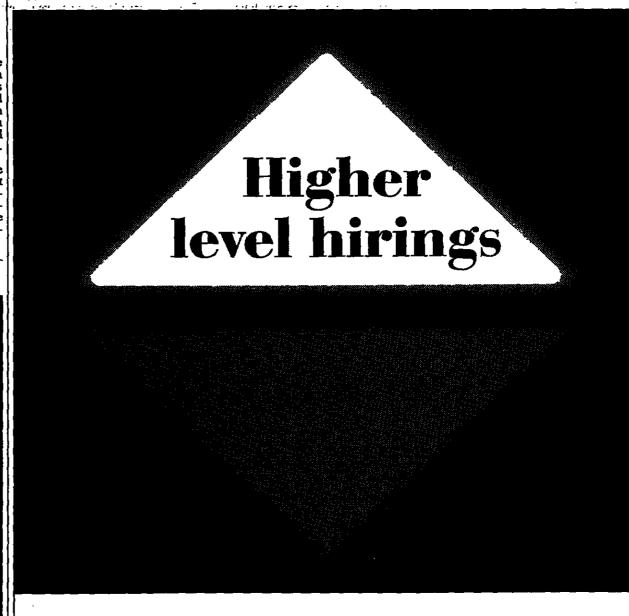
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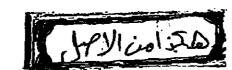
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Next for Nigerians

Moshood Abiola, dead on Tuesday after four years of harsh imprisonment, had become a symbol of Nigeria's struggle for democracy, but he was not your typical dissident. After a child-hood of deprivation, he became a mulrimillionaire, at least in part through close ties to the military dictators who have misruled his homeland throughout most of its independence. But when the moment of reckoning came, Mr. Abiola opted for principle — and on Tuesday both he and his country paid the price. His death at age 60 is another setback for Africa's most populous, and one of its most troubled, nations, just as they both seemed on the verge of a possible transition to better times.

In 1993, Mr. Abiola was the apparent winner of what most observers considered a free and fair election. Almost as important in a nation riven between north and south, he attracted votes in regions across the country. Perhaps precisely because he threatened to defuse the ethnic issue that the army had exploited to maintain its rule, it refused to recognize the election results.

One year later, impatient with the dictators' intransigence, Mr. Abiola declared himself president anyway and was promptly charged with treason and thrown into jail, where he had remained ever since.

The death last month of Mr. Abiola's jailer, the corrupt despot General Sani Abacha, offered new hope for both the

prisoner and his country. The successor is another general, but one with more of a reputation for probity. General Abdulsalam Abubakar has promised a transition to democracy, and outside observers hold out at least some hope that he is sincere. He has freed some political prisoners and seemed ready to free Mr. Abiola, who would have played a key role in any transition.

The U.S. government said on Tues-

day that it has no reason to doubt that Mr. Abiola died of natural causes. His death is, nonetheless, the responsibility of the military dictatorship. As early as September 1994, the Nigeria Medical Association confirmed that the shouldbe president was in poor health. Yet Mr. Abiola was kept in near-total isolation with inadequate care. Recently he was put under great pressure to renounce his mandate as a price for his release.

The consequences of Mr. Abiola's death are unpredictable. But the proper response from General Abubakar is clear. He should free all remaining political prisoners without condition, unshackle Nigeria's press and political parties, and allow an early and fair election. The United States should make clear that it will assist in any such transition — but that it will no longer prop up Nigeria's generals, including through the purchase of Nigeria's plentiful oil, if they attempt a return to business as usual.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Yet Mr. Habibie has refrained from

A Vote in East Timor

Of all the outrages committed by the Suharto regime, perhaps none has pro-duced more headaches for less profit than Indonesia's engulfment of East Timor in 1975. Indonesia gained little but a persistent public relations problem that mobilized President Suharto's opponents and cost him trade and military help. Now, as President B. J. Habibie sorts through the Suharto policies, it should be obvious that both politically and morally, the right course is to allow the Timorese to vote

In the first few years of Indonesia's occupation of East Timor, some 200,000 people were killed, more than a third of the country. Since then, soldiers have imprisoned dissidents and massacred protesters. Timorese are forcibly sterilized, and Jakarta has flooded the island with immigrants to dilute its culture and separatist politics.

Since he replaced Mr. Subarto in late May, Mr. Habibie has blunted some of the worst repression. Several prominent dissidents have been released, and he told East Timor's Bishop Carlos Belo that he would begin to withdraw Indonesian troops.

promising fundamental change in East Timor's status. He appointed as a senior adviser a retired general who oversaw a 1991 massacre that killed 270 in East Timor. Troops, including those re-cently led by Mr. Suharto's son-in-law, have shot protesters and seem to be trying to provoke the East Timorese into violence. Mr. Habibie offered to release the imprisoned leader of East Timor's independence movement and give the region "special status," but only if the world recognized Indonesian sovereignty. The rebel leader José Xanana Gusmão rejected the offer. He still argues, as do the two Nobel peace laureates, Bishop Belo and José Ramos-Horta, that East Timor's people must vote on their status. They caution that it would take a few years to create conditions for a free election, including a well-trained East Timorese police force and an end to the climate of fear.

What Mr. Habibie can do now is release the political prisoners, withdraw Indonesian troops, commit Jakarta to respecting a free vote and grant autonomy to East Timor.

—THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Rough Ulster Road

The onset of the season of political marches in Northern Ireland has generated a lot of violence and confrontation and raised fears that the British province's celebrated new peace agreement may founder. The marches signify a tribal politics that is the precise opposite of what the new agreement sets out to produce.

In Northern Ireland, both Catholics and Protestants march to assert their separate historical identities. But the parades through Catholic neighborhoods by the Protestant Orange Order, undertaken to rub in the defeat of an invading Catholic king in 1690, have an especially inflammatory aspect.

An independent parades commission set up to regulate these activities banned a traditional (190 years), provocative Protestant march route in Portadown. Marchers demonstrated, with stones, against British police. The commission promptly approved another conspicuous march in a Catholic neighborhood in Belfast next Sunday, in order, it conceded, to placate pro-British Protestant loyalists aggrieved by the earlier decision.

The Orangemen badly need to be brought into discussions — Tony Blair is trying — to disprove or at least reduce suspicions that their purpose is to torpedo the peace-oriented Trimble leadership. As "first minister" of the Northern Ireland power-sharing assembly created in the new peace agreement, David Trimble is caught be-tween his Protestant loyalties and his new society-wide governing respon-sibilities. Such is the stress that in his first week on the job he had to deny that he was planning to resign. But he is

given broad credit for struggling to earn the good faith of the major Catholic as well as the Protestant peaceminded parties, including the heretofore violence-spawning Sinn Fein.

An inquiry goes on into whether the strains of the day are the irreducible hangovers of a discredited past or the harbingers of a return to the old tribalism of Northern Ireland's politics. Some feel that a painful raggedness in its political and community life may be the best Northern Ireland can expect. But you have to be careful about what you expect; prophecies can be self-fulfilling. The dedication of the parties and people of Northern Ireland and the support of their friends cannot be allowed to vanish in the tough early going. —THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment Why the Algerian Secrecy?

Algeria's anguish has lasted more six years and claimed almost 100,000 lives. The two main reasons for Western indifference are hostility toward the Islamist rebels and the opacity of the political system. To penetrate the fog, one should focus less on the fundamentalists and more on the key player in Algeria's politics, the army.

Many observers suspect that the Armed Islamic Group is a product of the state's intelligence service, designed to discredit the Islamists. These suspicions have been heightened by the Algerian government's sharp refusal to allow any international inquiry.

— Lahouari Addi, writing in Foreign Affairs.

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Look, the Old Nation-State Is Alive and Kicking

WASHINGTON — The nation-state is alive and kicking on the soccer fields of France in this World

Cup summer. Born in France a millennium ago as the fundamental political unit of the international system, the nation-state has supposedly been laid terminally low in this decade by the march of globalization and national fragmentation. National structures no longer correspond to the economic and political forces that computers and other technology have unleashed, it is solemnly and repeatedly said.

Perhaps. But hundreds of spirited, fleet players and hundreds of thousands flag-waving fans from 32 countries have spent the past month glorying in an international soccer tournament that seems designed to prove that nations, and the games they play as nations, still count in the global era.

CIA operative Miles Copeland entitled his minor Cold War classic on espionage "The Game of Nations." Today that game is not spying, or even baseball. It is soccer.

No other activity or contest short of war shows the enduring strength of nationalism as clearly as the World Cup tournament, which concludes with its epic final on Sunday.

By Jim Hoagland

No offense meant to the American pastime, to pro football, basketball or the other sports that we Americans worship and dominate. They, too, are national glories. But in a nation-continent. Americans take for granted much that the European inventors of the nationstate have had to strive to achieve and constantly defend. Mobility, patience and stealth have been key factors of survival in the crowded European land-

scape, as they are in soccer. Americans do not compete seriously against other nations in team sports. We are too strong in those that we have pioneered and too weak in sports that others have developed for either to mat-ter much in our nation-building. Americans do not put their national identity on the line in close matches that are shaped by centuries or decades of mutual animosity, alliance or adversity.

The Olympics did once provide for Americans and Russians some of the feel of national conflict present in World Cup matches as England meets Argentina or Germany is upset by its upstart protégé Croatia. But the national competition within the Olympics was always, happily, overshadowed by ican country: Alfredo Stroessner, the

By Richard Katz

Olympic athletes. Many Europeans, Latin Americans and Africans see World Cup soccer in existential terms. They assert on the playing fields the vitality of their cultures, languages and ways of life. De-colonized lands of the Third World gain political confidence with their ac-ceptance into, and victories over, the ranks of the established.

"You should be glad that Iran won," an Iranian-born friend told me after the U.S. team went down to defeat in the World Cup opening round. "How can the ayatollahs maintain that the Great Satan is out to ruin them when you can't even beat them in soccer? This will lower tensions."

Perspective has been one of the great values of this year's uncommonly exciting World Cup. The matches have thrilled the fans. I suspect that they have also redefined the way many think about some other countries.

On its best days, the competition has taken nationalism out of a uniquely political focus and given it another, more appealing face.

Take Paraguay. One name would have in the past quickly come to my mind on mention of that South Amer-

the individual accomplishments of the dictator who ruled there for decades

No longer. Say "Paraguay" this sum-mer and José Luis Chilavert flashes on, my mental screen. Mr. Chilavert is the taleraed goal-

keeper of the Paraguayan team who valiantly kept a strong French team at bay in a double-overtime game before surrendering a lone, losing goal. Then in his most manly act of the day, he consoled his grief-stricken teammates. like a father comforting children at a family funeral.

The strong Nigerian team remit me of all the fun and pizzazz of West Africa, which is usually represented by daily headlines about the region's appalling, abusive governments. And it was good to see Yugoslavs on the television screen who seemed not to be cut in the mold of Slobodan Milosevic.

Character is the bedrock of sports as the it is of national survival. It surfaces under the most trying and demanding

In the World Cup you are chosen to a play on the team of your country of a citizenship, not of residence. You reach the height of your career because of national identity and skills. Both have been on display, in the healthiest of ways, in France over the past month. The Washington Past.

In Japan, Here Comes a Tough Reality Test for Voters

NEW YORK — Imagine voters rewarding a political party that presided over eight years of stagnation, that doubled unemployment, that eroded everyone's retirement nest eggs and that offered no

foreseeable recovery. This is exactly what Japanese voters are expected to do in elections on Sunday to fill half the 252 seats in the House of Councillors, the upper house of

the Diet. If Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto's Liberal Democratic Party prevails, as expected, Japan's leaders will be reinforced in the belief that muddling through remains the best way to retain power.

Mr. Hashimoto's popularity is down to 28 percent, and in a kept people from being thrown high-turnout election the party into the street. The recently an-

confidence in the divided opposition parties is even lower, so disgruntled citizens are ex-

pected to stay home. The LDP's projected "victory" illustrates why the road to reform will be a long one.
Instead of making real

changes, the Japanese system spreads the pain. Companies with low sales don't cut jobs; they trim everyone's pay. Rather than foreclose on insolvent borrowers, banks often lend them the money to pay off interest, or provide life support to stave off bankruptcies.

This approach has led to economic stagnation but has also

would probably lose seats. But nounced "total plan" to fix the banking system is another instance. Despite claims to the contrary, taxpayers' money will be used to keep insolvent institutions and borrowers afloat

But Japan needs to rid itself of GDP. 10 times the relative size of America's savings and loan crisis in the early 1990s.

Japan now is the one the United reform created new jobs. States took then: to close insolvent banks and compel solvent ones to sell off their bad assets while protecting depositors. In addition, government money should be used to shore up the capital base of the solvent

But Japan is unlikely to do of workers from the disappear, this, because it would mean ing jobs into new ones. foreclosures, bankruptcy and mass unemployment. And the industries most affected, construction and real estate, provide much of the campaign money

Dozens of other industries are bad bank debts now estimated at also protected from competi-\$1 trillion. That is 30 percent of tion. But dismantling informal cartels as well as removing bar-riers to imports would eliminate an estimated 10 million jobs, The only effective course for and it would take time before

and voter base for the LDP.

Unfortunately, Japan lacks the social safety net required for such an overhaul. Its unemployment compensation and its deposit insurance systems are underfinanced. Moreover, its labor market is incapable of rapidly shifting large numbers ing jobs into new ones.
In fact, putting off reform

raising unemployment anyway from 2 percent in 1990 to record 4.1 percent now, and the rate is projected to keep rising A surprise protest vote of Sunday would send an important message of discontent. But

with only the upper house at stake, the Liberal Democratic Party would still retain control Like a recalcitrant heart pa tient, Japan resists the doctor's orders. Addressing its problem may be a difficult regimen, but the longer Japan waits, the more

drastic the surgery will be. The writer, author of "Jupun The System That Soured," con-tributed this comment to Tig.

In America, Radical Globalizers Talk Like Missionaries

PARIS — The debate over American foreign policy di-There are both neoconservatives and liberals who defend the wide. The "benevolent hege-mony" camp allies itself with the Wilsonian idealists, the lat-today, framed as promoting de-mocracy and American prin-ciples, and thereby stabilizing idiosyncratic decision by this ter an unmistakable influence on

Clinton administration policy. Against them stand the socalled neo-isolationists, usually thought to be leftists and often accused of disenchantment with America, but also the "realists," who take a traditionally conservative and usually pessimistic view of history and of the constraints on national policy.

The promoters of democracy make two arguments. They say that international stability today depends on U.S. leadership worldwide. They also argue be true to the nation's values dence and for more than a cen-

...... By William Pfaff... vides Washington in a new way. and win the support of the tury modern Japan's rival for American public.

ciples, and thereby stabilizing the international system, is often in practice a destabilizing factor in world affairs.

That was just demonstrated in the Far East. Bill Clinton last week knocked the foundations from under a Japanese-American security alliance which for nearly a half-century, since the Korean War, had been the most important element in East Asia's political stability.

America's relationships with Japan and Taiwan, Washington's two closest Far Eastern allies for nearly a half-century, that foreign policy must be a now have been subordinated to crusade to spread American a new relationship with China, ideas and values in order for it to enemy of Taiwan's indepen-

Asian predominance. This ef-There is something in these fective reversal of alliances was to promote democracy world- might think. American policy way to promote eventual Chi- while Washington had con-

idiosyncratic decision by this administration. It occurred. however, in the context of Asia's economic crisis, steadily deepening during the past year, whose origins lie in the American-sponsored globalization of the major Asian economies.

That bound them to an international financial system of investment and speculation that no one controls, and put them at the mercy of globalized market forces much more powerful than any government. The result has been a sweeping destruction of Asian economic structures and enterprises, bringing social upheaval with it, and in some places political crisis.

The internationalization and

If They Can't Behave, Too Bad for Them

C AG HARBOR, New York — Alone in the kitchen at 6 A.M. Tuesday, I clicked on the radio for company as I made coffee. The first voices I heard were Irish, speaking to a reporter on new riots and burning for old reasons in Dumcree in Northern Ireland.

'What the hell is wrong with those people?" I said aloud to myself. I turned the radio off. Let the Orangemen and the Greenmen and the British keep killing each other over parades celebrating a battle more than 300 years ago, when my and my wife's ancestors almost certainly were on opposite sides hoping to kill each other.

Thank God for America! The British created two great countries with their brutality in Ireland and Scotland. The countries are the United States and Australia. The clearances in Scotland and the famine in Ireland drove people to far shores.

So, in the privacy of my own kitchen. I sounded to myself like an American know-nothing, an isolationist ignorant of the world and its interdependence. That is not the way I think, but it was the way I felt at that moment. If these people can't deal with their problems, why should anyone else try? That may become a mantra of

the 21st century. I felt disgust, with them and with myself. I wanted those voices to leave me alone. Isolationism, of course, has always been close to the center of the American character. Most all of us, in one way or another, came from someplace else, many risking everything By Richard Reeves

new world apart from the sophisticated cantons of Europe, where people who considered themselves the most civilized of all routinely attacked each other over the way they worshiped or imagined God.

Thomas Jefferson believed that the United States could survive only as the anti-Europe. He was determined above all to do what he could to save his fellow Americans from what he saw as the temptations, the brutality, the evil of "the teeming cities." George Washington saw it

differently, but he, too, tried to warn the same Americans against making "entangling al-liances" with foreign powers. We Americans are entangled

now. But isolation has much of the same attraction that it had for our founding fathers. The successor to Washington and Jefferson, Bill Clinton, came back from China advocating selective isolationism with compartmentalized views separating freedom of commerce from freedom of politics.

Money, he was saying, knows no flag, no nation. So, what else is new? I think the disgust is new.

The global village, as we know it, is a creation of instantaneous electronic communication. But the village idea is dead as matter for politics. It peaked 14 years ago. That was when British television film of starving Ethopians electronically ricocheted from country to country and house to house.

on the hope that there could be a termined to get food to the

skeletal children in our living rooms. Compassion, for that moment, was the bond of what looked like a new world.

The conventional wisdom was that people could not resist coming to the aid of their fellows if they actually saw the cruelty and suffering of their faraway neighbors.

But then that compassion turned into what sociologists or maybe journalists described as "donor fatigue." There were too many fights, too many famines. Individuals or nations could do only so many good works in the global vale of tears.

In America, the last tears may have been shed in 1993 for So-malia, where U.S. soldiers were dispatched on an ill-advised but noble mission to save people from themselves, and one of our own was killed and dragged through the streets of Mogadishu by the people he thought he was helping.

No more Mogadishus! President Clinton was willing to

send American troops into Bosnia, but not willing to let them leave their camps and get into harm's way before his own re-election. As for Rwanda, the president and almost all other Americans simply chose to look away from Hutu-Tutsi genocide

in the global village.

So we have moved beyond compassion. I think we have even moved beyond indifference. The television cycle of sympathy for filmed victims seems to end now in disdain for the self-destructive tribes living and killing outside the gates of the village. If they can't get be-The world rushed in then, de-yond the past, too bad for them.

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was promoted by the United States because the prevailing neoliberal economic ideology insisted that this was the way policy of using American power arguments, but less than one rationalized by Mr. Clinton as a toward universal prosperity,

> Yet it was evident from the start that globalization is automatically destabilizing. It progresses through destroying what exists. This is rationalized as "creative destruction," a formula which concedes the destruction but postulates an eventual positive outcome. Possibly there will be such an outcome, but that is a matter of faith. The balance of the ac-

count so far is negative. It is not a pejorative point but a statement of fact that current American economic and foreign policy has been, and in crucial respects continues to be, a destabilizing force in international relations. Yet those who support this policy claim that it is a program to establish international stability and order

- and American values. The United States is a radical and disruptive force to the extent that it uses its power to impose deregulated markets. destroying existing economic institutions and markets in foreign countries, and strives to promote democratic forms of government to replace the political systems those countries now possess. One would think this obvious.

The backers of activist policy in Washington agree that America is a revolutionary power, but they say it is a benevolent and liberating one, achieving the na-tion's, and indeed the world's,

deregulation of Asian markets, manifest destiny. They say that in any case it is imperative that the United States use its power to establish an international system which conforms to its in-

tenests and principles. The critics, this writer obvinced itself that it was the way viously among them, would to universal democracy as well. suggest that they vastly underestimate the complexity of international society, and exaggerate the relevance of the American model to the rest of the globe and America's actual power to install its model of society elsewhere. Some critics might suggest that "victory" the Cold War has left a legacy of megalomania in some Washington circles.

This brings us to the condescending argument that if the American people are not en-listed in a crusade abroad they will become isolationists. Isolationism simply is not a feasible policy for any nation today, thanks to international economic integration and rivalry, as well as to the political inheritance of the last six decades.

The American public has a ways liked to see its wars, hoter cold, as crusades, but so does nearly everyone else. Its rela gests that its appearite for consades is low. In peaceting Americans have proved per fectly capable of distinguishing between crusades and interes

Just a century ago, speaking of U.S. intervention in the Pil ippine insurrection, a Miss sippi congressman asked "W made us God's globe-trotting regents?" Most Americal even today, will appreciate pertinence of the question.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGE

1898: Hawaii Annexed WASHINGTON - President McKinley at seven o'clock this evening [July 7] signed the resolution annexing Hawaii to the United States. Mr. Long, Secretary of the Navy has ordered retary of the Navy, has ordered the cruiser Philadelphia, now at Mare Island, to Hawaii to raise the American flag and include the group of islands in the Un-ion. The Philadelphia will sail

in a few days' time. 1923: Isolation Myth

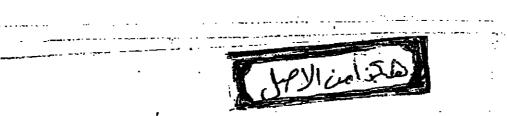
NEW YORK -- Those who declare that the failure of this country to join the League of Nations means American isolation in European affairs received a shock in the form of figures compiled by The New York Herald showing that America has spent eleven billion dollars in Europe since the Armistice towards reconstruction and the relief of suf-

fering. Half of this amount was

provided by the Government through taxation and half voluntary contributions of ma-lions of Americans, in other words, during the past four years and eight months Europe has received \$100 from every man, woman and child in the

1948: Death Penalty LONDON - The Labour gov-

ernment's new five-year two-degree capital punishment plan was published today [July 8]. It is similar to the American system of dealing with the pun-ishment of murderers. In effect, the proposal exempts those guilty of "crimes of passions" from the death sentence. The represent a compromise working out after the House of Lords rejected the House of Commons action abolishing capital posi-ishment in Britain for an experimental period of five years.



OPINION/LETTERS

Let's Not Leave Refugees **Unarmed Against AIDS**

By Millicent Obaso

left the mad and stick shelter where she lives with her Congolese parents in the Lugudu refugee camp in westem Tanzania, and went to fetch water. As she stood near the tap, an older boy and a companion approached her. She was pulled behind a bush and, helped by the friend, the boy raped her.

Some time later the girl turned up at a Tanzania Red Cross health station complaining of abdominal pains. She said nothing of the rape, but an examination revealed that she had contracted gonormea. That was senous enough, but the Red Cross doctor had a greater concern: Had she been exposed to HIV?

It was no idle thought. Sexually transmitted diseases are common in Lugufu, as they often are in refugee camps, and where there is one sexually transmitted disease in a community HIV is never far behind. The wounds and sores of gonorhea or syphilis provide easy conduits for the AIDS virus to enter the blood, and in coercive sex the chance of HIV being passed on is the greater because genital injuries are likely.

The doctor could not follow up,

however. While the Red Cross has HIV-AIDS awareness and preven tion programs in the refugee camps of western Tanzania, there are no testing facilities. United Nations policy prohibits testing among refugees. The right to know, to be counseled, to be treated, is being denied the refugee when it comes to HIV. The reason simple: The office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and its operational partners do not possess the resources required for counseling and testing. Indeed, there is often very little done to revent HIV infection and control AIDS in refugee settings.

War causes migrations and the virus that causes AIDS travels with them. War also produces behavior that increases infection. Displaced populations interact socially and sexually with the host community. Refugees interact among themselves. Sexual desire does not cease When you flee your homeland, and

often protected sex is not practiced. Many men and women are anxious to replace lost loved ones. Those who wish to procreate have little use for condoms. Nor do rapists. Well over 20,000 women were uted this comment to the Inter-

A. Photo by Talegoski Thou

GENEVA — It was a nightly More than 115,000 women were chore for the 10-year-old. She raped in one year in Rwanda. Mass raped in one year in Rwanda. Mass rape has been reported as a weapon of war in Cambodia, Liberia, Peru, Somalia and Uganda.
Safe havens do not spare women.

than 230,000 Congolese and Burundian refugees are sheltered, many suffer the fate of the little girl who went for water. More than 250 rapes were reported among a population of 73,000 in one district alone over seven months. Frequently rape goes unreported. The bottom line is recorded in the Kigoma region, where Lugufu camp is situated. Whether pregnant by design, accident or criminal act, more than 19 percent of

expectant women have syphilis. refugees is particularly conducive to HIV infection. Refugees live in overcrowded conditions, mostly without the social controls of home. Most have lost their spouses, and access to sexual partners is easy. Poverty makes girls and women vulnerable. Some resort to prostitution.

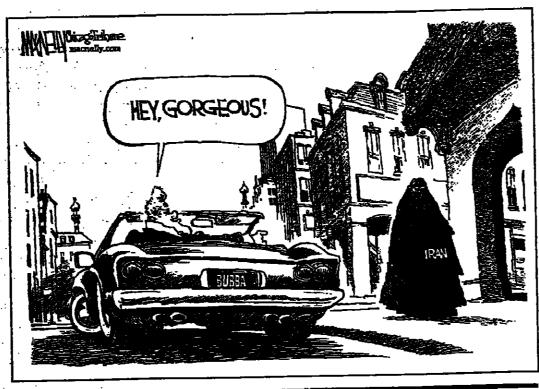
Camp schools are mostly limited to primary levels. Teenagers are left to divert their energies, and rape is a sport to some youths. In Congo and Burundi, a young rapist may be encouraged to many his victim to save both families from shame. In refugee camps, rape appeals to boys as a way to obtain a wife quickly without paying a bride price.

Unsafe abortions can follow. The unqualified wield instruments that are used on more than one woman. When unsterilized, they can transmit the AIDS virus. What can be done? Family plan-

ning can reduce unsafe abortion. Proper management of abortion must be advocated. Refugees must have access to HIV-AIDS information, education, counseling and medical services. Laws must support this in host countries.

There are strong networks of nongovernmental organizations in refugee camps providing health and community services. Programs to counter this scourge could be easily integrated. Or do we leave little girls to their fate?

The writer coordinates reproductive health programs in eastern Africa for the International in Bosnia-Herzegovina. national Herald Tribune.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Malaria Comes Back

While the World Conference on AIDS put the toll of that devastating disease last year at 2.3 million deaths, another less noticed but deadly threat to public health simultaneously marches across the globe. Malaria, one of the world's most common and easily preventable diseases, kills 2.7 milion people a year.

With global warming, increasing international travel and drug resistance, malaria is returning with a vengeance. During the 1960s malaria was almost eradicated. Malarial deaths in India dipped to zero. Last year 2.85 million Indians contracted the dis-

Although the World Health Organization is spearheading an assault against malaria, without support from donor countries little

progress can be expected.

Malaria treatment programs can consume up to 40 percent of public health expenditures in some very poor countries. But malaria prevention is cheap and easy. Insecticide-treated bed nets can reduce child mortality by 15 to 35 percent.

Educational programs, elimination of stagnant water and development of good anti-malarial drugs are proven strategies. But funding for malaria research is correctly a paltry \$60 million a year compared with \$950 million for AIDS.

World Health Organization in against India without delay. stopping the comeback of this

KAREN HODGSON. Victoria, British Columbia.

India's Nuclear Step

Regarding "India's Nuclear Cheating" (Opinion, June 16); If America is the world's only superpower, India is the world's largest democracy and as such has its own security concerns. Washington extends the protection of nuclear deterrence to countries in the Western Hemisphere and Europe, as well as Australia, New Zealand, Japan and South Korea, but not to India. India, therefore,

had to conduct the underground tests to develop a credible deterrent of its own. By doing so it has not violated any international treaty or law. The economic sanctions that Washington has imposed on New Delhi have come at a dangerous moment for the world economy.

East Asian economies have sunk, and Japan is facing the worst recession since 1970. India, with its large market, is not taken further measures to liberalize its econom. The United States is incident calls for an apology. India's number one trading partner.

A slowdown in India's economic

growth will not serve America's

All countries need to join the consider lifting the sanctions M. VASUDEVAN.

A Rough Send-Off

A 58-year-old constituent of mine recently visited the United States for a family wedding. In filling out the visa form, he forgot to mention a minor drunkenness

conviction 41 years earlier.

The United States Immigration Service instructed him to appear at Kennedy airport six hours before his return flight and then incarcerated him in a room, shackling him to a chair until his flight left. He made three requests for his family to be informed of the situation, all of which were ignored. Since his return, he has had

frequent nightmares about the incident. He swears he will never travel again.

The London office of the U.S. Immigration Service has declined to apologize and says that shackling is normal procedure for anyone who breaches visa regula-tions, even inadvertently. It would be appropriate for the procedure to be reviewed before other elin financial crisis and has recently derly passengers are caught in the same way. And I still think the

> The writer is a Labour member of Parliament for Broxtowe.

What's With the Feminists Who Swoon Over Clinton?

By Maureen Dowd

WASHINGTON — Erik Tar-loff's mother cut a deal with ping dispatch from the Tony Blair his father. "If Frank Sinatra ever came on to her, she was allowed to go with him for one night, with no repercussions in the marriage,"

Mr. Tarloff, a writer who saw Washington from a rare perspective as the husband of a cabinetlevel official, the former Clinton

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chief economic adviser Laura D'Andrea Tyson, thought of his mother's groupie exemption when he wrote his new Washington novel, "Face-Time."

The book, not yet published, is about a young woman who works in the White House, along with her boyfriend, a speech writer. She succumbs to the advances of a Clintonesque president because she feels it is an experience that transcends infidelity, and even sex.

Or, as Marilyn Monroe mused to her psychiatrist about her re-lationship with JFK: "Marilyn Monroe is a soldier.... The first duty of a soldier is to obey her

commander in chief." When all is said and done, Bill Clinton's biggest legacy may not be in politics but in letters. He has inspired an entirely new and remarkable genre: feminist erotic journalism. After decades spent trying to dissuade powerful men from thinking they can have their way with less powerful women, feminists now have a terrible confession: They pant for power. They crave droit du seigneur. Take me! Take me!

First, Larissa MacFarquhar wrote of Monica Lewinsky in The New Yorker that "it would be a rare young woman who could resist ... a chance to sleep with a man who is

(a) the president and (b) a babe."

Then 10 women, including some feminists, a fashion designer and a retired dominatria, participated in a panel for The New York Observer that resulted in a story headlined "New York Supergals Love That Naughty Prez."

"I think there has been a shift in the cultural climate since the time of the Anita Hill hearings," said Katie Roiphe, adding: "Now, this virile president is suddenly fulfilling this forbidden fantasy of this old-fashioned ... aggressive male. I think women are finding that appealing."
Tina Brown, the editor of The

state dinner about Mr. Clinton: "His glamour is undersung ... a man in a dinner jacket with more heat than any star in the room (or, for that matter, at the multiplex)...his height, his sleekness, his newly cropped, iron-filing hair and the intensity of his blue eyes. ... He is vividly in the present tense and

dares you to join him there." The latest swooner is Nina Burleigh, a former White House reporter for Time, who writes in Mirabella about a game of hearts with Mr. Clinton on Air Force One flying to Jasper, Arkansas, that made her tingle. "The president's foot lightly, and presumably accidentally, brushed mine once under the table. His hand touched my wrist while he was dealing the cards. When I got up and shook his hand at the end of the game, his eyes wandered over my bike-wrecked, naked legs. And slowly it dawned on me as I walked

away. He found me attractive. There was a time when the hormones of indignant feminism raged in my veins. An open gaze like that, at least from a man of lesser stature, would have annoyed me. But that evening ... I felt incandescent. It was riveting to know that the president had appreciated my legs, scarred as they were. If he had asked me to continue the game of hearts back in his room at the Jasper Holiday Inn, I would have been happy to go there and see what happened

Amazingly, Nina outflutters Tina, casting Bill as Zeus in "Leda and the Swan": "Years honored the magnetic sexual pull a powerful male can have on a weaker female. The beating wings of the giant swan enwrap the helplessly infatuated woman, whose 'terrified vague fingers' cannot push the 'feathered glory from her loosening thighs.'

Ms. Burleigh may have presidential affairs on the brain since she just wrote a book about Mary Meyer, a JFK paramour who was murdered. Defending her piece to The Washington Post, she noted that she would have happily had a certain kind of sex with Mr. Clinton "just to thank

him for keeping abortion legal."
We should stop blaming the overly fluttery sucom character Ally McBeal for killing feminism. We should even stop blaming Bill Clinton. It is clearly a mass suicide.

The New York Times.

A child without immunizations is like a game without goalkeepers.



Immunizing children is not a matter of charity, it is a matter of fulfilling a fundamental human right. -From UNICEFs The Progress of Nations 1998 report

Imagine a soccer match in which the opposing team is allowed to defend its goal, while your team is not. Unthinkable, wouldn't you say?

Yet in the game of life, that was exactly the situation at the end of the 1970s. When fewer than 10 per cent of the world's children were being immunized. Leaving the remainder defenseless against ailments that not only threaten the quality of life, but life itself.

Today, we seem to be gaining on preventable diseases. According to UNICEF, immunizations against the Six Deadly Diseases of childhood-diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, measles, pôlio, and tuberculosis are now protecting 80 per cent of the world's youngsters.

But the game isn't over. Which is why UNICEF, the World Health Organization, and others have agreed on a Year 2000 goal of 90 per cent immunization levels worldwide. To combat the Six Deadly Diseases. And particularly to ensure that polio is eradicated as a threat to children, just as smallpox was in the 1970s.

As a company that believes in living and working together for the common good, we at Canon appreciate the dedication of UNICEF and others in raising the levels of disease prevention.

As a company that leads today's world in imaging technology for multimedia, we envision a time when there will be winning smiles on the faces of all children and all people. In a world where immunization enables everyone to advance through life on a level playing field, defended from all threats to well-being.

The children of today. The promise of tomorrow.

The Greatest Goal.

George Weah, internationally-acclaimed soccer player and UNICEF Special Representative for Sports.



During the years since I first learned to play soccer by kicking a ball made of rags, I have worked to accomplish many goals.

Some, of course, were on the playing field. But the greatest was a dream that came true last year, when I became an official member of the UNICEF family.

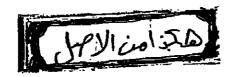
Several years ago, in my horneland of Liberia, I saw for myself how UNICEF-endorsed immunization programs can contribute to children's health and happiness.

For children to flourish, of course, many things are required. Adequate nutrition. Safe water and sanitation facilities. Education. And, yes, even involvement in sports.

But none of these can be effective in the presence of serious diseases. Diseases that can be prevented if all nations and all peoples recognize the importance of child-immunization programs.

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Simulated Technology Trains Medical Students

By Steven Ginsberg hington Post Service

ASHINGTON — Greg Merril isn't a real doctor, but he plays one on his computer. Mr. Merril and his machine are housed

in a spacious, dirnly lighted room labeled "Very Creative Area," which is two doors down from "Creative Area" at the offices of HT Medical Inc. in Rockville, Maryland.

There Mr. Merril probes, points and pokes virtual bodies with simulated med-

real needle into a virtual 88-year-old woman to intravenous feeding, for instance. Mr. Merril is not a mad scientíst — he is the founder and chief

executive of HT Medical, which specializes in computer-assisted medical training. And he hopes that his unconventional gadgets will hold the key to the future of medical

training.
"This is going to revolutionize health care," Mr. Merril predicted. "For the first time you can practice medicine prior

For now it is a rather small business. Revenue for HT Medical was \$2.6 million in the 1998 financial year, which ended May 31, compared with \$2.2 mil-

lion last year. For financial 1999, Mr. Merril projects revenue of \$8 million. He said the company makes a small profit, but he declines to give figures.

e sees things heading up because in April, HT Medical brought its in April, HT Medical prought. —

first computer-based simulation product to the market: the CathSim Intravenous Training System. CathSim, short for catheterization sim-

ulator, provides medical workers with the opportunity to practice intravascular therapies (medical-speak for inserting a needle) on a computer, rather than on

Currently, doctors and nurses practice on oranges, plastic models or, in some

CathSim works on any Pentiumequipped desktop computer with a speed of 266 megahertz or higher and uses HT Medical's Teleos program along with its trademarked AccuTouch robotic system. AccuTouch is a small box, about the size of a Tolstoy novel in paperback. It is. equipped with real needles and a rubberlike substance that simulates the feel of human skin.

Users operate a mouse to scroll through a series of screens and make selections, such as whether to work on a drug user, middle-aged patient or an el-

derly woman.

The virtual procedure begins on the next screen. Users are presented with an on-screen tourniquet, iodine and a number of other preparatory options. If they pick the right ones — the computer coaches them - they then choose a needle size on the screen.

This is the point at which the AccuTouch comes into play; practitioners ical equipment. He is prone to sticking a insert the real needle into the box and it

mimics resistance and other factors as appropriate. If the needle is inserted improperly, the patient isn't shy about crying out a vir-tual "Ow!"

CathSim records the procedure and provides users with a report card so they can gauge their effectiveness. The procedural rundown also is automatically filed on the computer's

hard drive so instructors can track trainees' progress.
Mr. Merril's business began soon after college in 1987 with a focus on technology services. But he later wondered how to expand in the health-care field.

"No one had ever really talked about medical simulation," he said. "I thought new technology could be applied to surgery and then it occurred to me: Why not take flight simulator technology and apply it to surgery?"
In 1992, HT Medical presented a pro-

totype at a meeting of the American Neurological Association. "We had a huge crowd around the simulator," Mr. Merril recalled. "Physicians were spending hours using it. They told us it was the future of their practice."

Buoyed by the reaction at the con-ference and the calls received afterward, HT Medical began to pour its resources into simulation technology. "It was very clear we were onto something," Mr.

I wo months after it has been on the market, 7,500 of the 10,000 U.S. medical organizations have contacted HT Medical about acquiring Cath-Sim, which retails for \$6,000, Mr. Merril said. He declined to disclose how many have made a purchase.

"I found it to be very realistic," said James Britt, associate director of medicine at the University of Maryland Medical Center, who helped test the system. "I would recommend it. Everyone that used it felt the sensation was real."



Greg Merril of HT Medical working with a virtual patient. At left, the computer-assisted equipment used to teach the insertion of needles. The key to each product, and what Mr.

HT Medical plans to release its second simulation product, PreOp, endoscopic, Merril hopes will make them appealing to simulator, later this summer and its third, medical outfits, is that each simulator PreOp endovascular simulator, by the performs a range of applications, such as

Problem: No Chinese Keyboard Solution: A New System That Reads Handwriting

By Bob Tedeschi

To Westerners, it sounds like a bad dream: Set up your first computer, plug it in and join the information age. There's just one hitch. All the keys on

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the keyboard are in another language.

That is precisely the scenario many Asians face when they first sit down at a computer. With up to 13,000 characters and no alphabet in their native languages. Chinese, Korean and Japanese users must make do with the Western key-board, and scores of different methods to translate each keystroke into a familiar character. Handwriting and voice-recognition systems provide alternatives, but

they have proved too slow. However, a Silicon Valley company. Synaptics, has developed a \$70 Chinese handwriting-recognition system that cuts input time by up to 75 percent putting it in the range of tradition keystroke translation methods and, the company hopes, enabling Chinese

speaking computer users to get wired. Tim Bajarin, president of Creative Strategies Inc., a San Francisco Bay Area high-tech consulting firm, said: "Right now, everybody in this industry has China on his radar screen, so it's critical to have some form of good translation technology as part of that."

The system, to be released in mid-August in China, is the latest offering from the company, which was founded by Carver Mead and Frederico Fagin, two microprocessing pioneers. The stakes of their Bastern foray are particularly ambiguitate. With one fifth of ticularly ambitious: With one-fifth of the world's population and a nascent PC market, China is the promised land for computer entrepreneurs.

With the new system - a combination of Synaptics' QuickStroke software and its TouchPad input device the user writes three or four strokes, then chooses from a short list of finished characters. With other character-recognition systems, users must usually finisi the character — at an average of 10 to 12 strokes, and sometimes as many as 30

 before the symbol is recognized. But that approach is slow and requires peripheral devices, so most Chinese opt for keyboard-inputting methods, such as Pinyin, the official phonetic romanization of Chinese. Usng Pinyin, users can type a Chinese word phonetically, then choose from a list of translated characters.

. The Synaptics system has been available in Taiwan since November in notebook computers made by Twinhead. Legend and Great Wall. Synaptics has scheduled an American launch by the end of the year, according to Steve Liu, the product's marketing manager. Mr. Liu said the lack of easy character inputting "has hindered the Chinese in their information technology progress. This can bring the Chinese people closer to computers."

Whether it can encourage more Chinese to buy computers, however, is another question. I don't think the input method stops people from buying computers," said Peter Yim, president of CIM Engineering Inc., a high-tech consulting company. "Cost is more im-

"What will drive this market," Mr. Bajarin said, "is some killer application that gives people a reason for wanting

computers.'
Meanwhile, software companies remain wary of China's intellectual property policies, analysts said. And given the country's substandard telecommunications system, it may be a while before the Internet drives mass de-

"You also have to look at how fast the government wants to enable computer use - whether it thinks access is goodand that's an open question," said Michael Borrus, co-director of the Berkeley Roundtable on the International Econ

Synaptics has other hurdles to overcome in this venture, namely, the competition. Motorola Inc.'s Lexicus Di-vision makes a Chinese handwritinginput device, as does Communication

Intelligence Corp. While these companies retain a presence in Chinese-speaking cultures, they are not necessarily looking to build business empires on their Chinese handwriting-recognition products. "We're not interested in being in the market for word-processing professionals," said Sheree Wu, a Lexicus spokeswoman "This is for people who don't want to sacrifice their natural way of thinking and writing. We're not emphasizing

As for Communication Intelligence, "We see the near-term growth opportunities as based more on Western language-recognition systems," said Andrea Steller, a spokeswoman.

If the Synaptics technology can break the usability barrier for Taiwanese and Chinese users, it will not surprise in-dustry watchers. "If it was anyone else, I'd be a little skeptical," said Paul Saffo, director of the Institute for the Future in Menlo Park, California. "But Fagin is extraordinarily well connected, and he has a track record."

Before starting Synaptics in 1986, Mr. Fagin helped invent the world's first microprocessor, while Mr. Mead was an innovator in standardized chip design.

Besides, as Mr. Borrus of the Berkeley Roundtable put it, the Synaptics system, doesn't have to take China by storm to succeed. "The numbers are so big that even a small percentage means big

How Computer Lovers Name Their Data-Holding Babies

By David Kushner

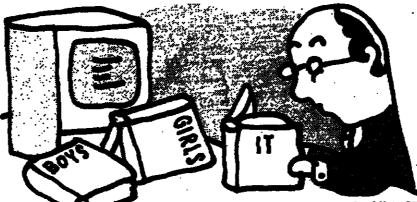
TEW YORK — Every so often there's news about the most pop-ular baby names — Chelsea, Dylan, Diana and the like — which are thought to reflect the cultural moment, the Zeitgeist. The pressure a parent feels in naming a child can be tremendous; after all, once the name is on the birth certificate, it's there forever.

As part of the effort to humanize technology, some people are choosing monik-ers for their computers — or, more specifically, for their computers' hard drives, the data storage mechanisms that are represented on screens by tiny, customizable

Buy a PC, and on the desktop you'll see a gray computer box with the words "My Computer" underneath; buy a Mac, and there's a little box labeled "Macintosh HD." Click on either and the name field shades over, waiting like an infant to be

There is no official registry of hard drive names, and there are no birth certificates for laptops, so it's hard to know exactly who's naming a machine what. The best indication comes from those at the front lines of computer culture: repair techni-

At J&R Computer World in Manhattan, where hundreds of customers bring in their



machines every month, sports star names are said to be popular.

Tekserve, a Macintosh repair shop in Manhattan, reports that cartoon characters

from "The Simpsons" or "Dilbert" are The creator of Dilbert, Scott Adams, finds the trend flattering, though he hasn't

been inspired to personalize his own hard drive. "I like my computer to be as uncustomized as possible," he said. "I don't want it

to have a personality."

"Sooner or later." Mr. Adams added,
"I'm going to have to drop-kick it out the
window, and I don't want to have to feel

Douglas Coupland, the author of the novels "Generation X" and "Mi-croserfs," enthusiastically named his hard

like I'm scolding a child." Douglas Adams, whose "Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" novels provide fod-der for countless screen savers and drive names, also disdains high-tech anthropomorphisms.
"My hard drives tend to be called bor-

ing things like 'Mac G3 HD' and 'WORK,'" he said in an e-mail message. 'I gave up cute names about a decade

drive Ziggy Stardust after one of David Bowie's alter egos.

"I think a definite tendency is for people to give hard drives names that are simultaneously romantic and doomed and ironic," he said in an message. 'The other tendency is to give hard drives the names of the characters they'd most liked to be dressed as on Hal-This infusion of emotions is all part of the plan, said Peter Lowe, a MacOS

product-line manager at Apple Com-Renaming a hard drive, Mr. Lowe ex-plained, fulfills the same purpose as other personal touches, like an "X-Files" pattern for a desktop or a particular voice for a text-to-speech program,
"Esthetic customization is a very im-

portant part of interface design," he said. How someone feels about their computer is going to impact the time they spend using it."

Some people give their hard drives the

names of people significant in their lives. Of course, that can have drawbacks. Consider the jazz executive who was

laughed out of a computer repair shop when he went to pick up his personal

As he walked out the door, the techies snickered. "Bye-bye, Wootie Wootie," they said. Naming a computer can indeed be like naming a child: Don't choose something that will get ridiculed at

Striking Back at Mobile Phones

Japan's Jamming Device So Popular Authorities Are Restricting Use

What do you do?

In Japan, you janı Seeing a potentially lucrative market in the legions of annoyed audiences held defenseless by the shrill ring of mobile rushed to market devices that can jam mobile phone signals.

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But the popularity of the jamming devices has Japanese authorities worried and has forced a crackdown to limit use -or abuse — of the jammers.

Last month, the Ministry of Posts and Communications released a tentative policy report restricting jamming devices to such public places as "theaters or concert halls the world for mobile phones, with 39 milwhere the degree of public nuisance is significant."

And even these facilities have to apply for a permit. The ministry is concerned that if jammers become too widely available, they could be used maliciously or wind up blocking legitimate telephone signals.

The A samed Press karaoke equipment sales, had marketed the TOKYO — So there you are at the theat-gramming devices to coffee shops and hoser when a stranger's mobile phone goes off. popular, but it's an official decision so there's not much we can do," said Makoto Onodera, a Nikkodo spokesman.

Other entrepreneurs are pushing on. "We've seen sales drop off a bit, but the phones, Japanese entrepreneurs have impact hasn't been that pronounced so far," said Hiromitsu Kawachi, an executive at

Mr. Kawachi's small, Tokyo-based firm manufactures a device that retails for 65,000 yen (\$465). The company's device is mainly for personal use, and has a jamming range of only about three meters (9.9 feet).

Japan has one of the biggest markets in lion in use, causing something of a backlash. Many upscale restaurants hold a firm line against calls taken — or dialed — at the table. And Japan's fabled bullet trains began airing recorded messages a few years ago asking passengers to refrain from using mobile phones at their seats. Instead, they Nikkodo Co., a company specializing in are asked to use the area between cars.

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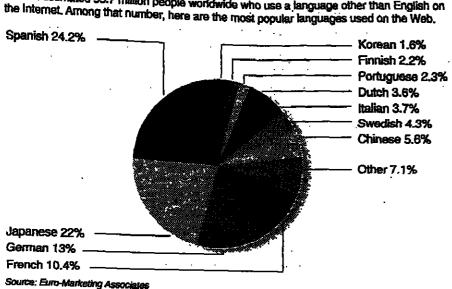
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Catching Up to English

Non-English speakers make up the fastest-growing group of Internet users today. There are now an estimated 55.7 million people worldwide who use a language other than English on



 MACHINE TELLERS: Fuji Bank Ltd., Japan's sixthlargest commercial bank, said this week that it was starting a "multimedia" banking system that will let customers open accounts through new utomated teller machines, with no direct human contact.

The service will be launched with new ATM machines at the bank's Shibnya branch in Tokyo next week, followed by eight other Tokyo branches by the middle of August.

The new ATM machines scan identification cards, letting the bank check the identity of customers without employees on the spot. The machines also let customers pay utility bills, change addresses or apply for credit-card loans — services that now require bank staff to perform identity checks.

We expect the multimedia banking services to bring in more customers because of the extended hours and simplified application proce-dures," said Hiroshi Taka-

• PAYABLE BY WEB: The U.S. government made its first-ever payment over the Internet last week, using an electronic check to make a \$32,000 contract payment to a unit of GTE Corp., banking and technology industry of-

ficials said. The transaction was the result of a three-year collaborative research project designed to make check processing more efficient and pave the way for the use of electronic checks by U.S.

The electronic check was developed by a not-for-profit research and development organization known as Financial Services Technology Consortium, which is made up of banks, industry partners and

financial services companies. The group will hold a 12month market trial of electronic checks, which resemble regular checks and are secured with digital signahires, and 50 government contractors are expected to

participate.
Full-scale rollout of the checks is expected by 2000, and the group says it hopes electronic checks will be used by U.S. businesses in the future, particularly small and midsized businesses, which have a more difficult time than larger companies in moving funds around.

The checks are signed by the payer and endorsed by the layee, like regular checks. It is not possible to tamper with the amount on the check and because the digital signature is specific to each check, Financial Services said the potential for fraud was expected to be much lower than with regular (Reuters) checks.

• KEYBOARD CALLS: Siemens AG of Germany and SAP AG, the world's largest maker of business-management software, said they would collaborate to integrate phones into personal com-

paters. The agreement announced by the two German companies aims to blend Siemens's Hicom communications servers and SAP's R/3 business management software into a software system that would equip a personal computer with voice telephone capabil-(Bloomberg)

• SALES ARE SUNNY-SIDE UP: Egghead.com Inc. said sales from its on-line auction site www.surplusauction.com totaled \$13.7 million in the first quarter ended June 27, almost double the \$7 million in fourth-quarter sales.

Egghead this year left the ponyentional retail business, changed its name and began selling merchandise on-line, to tap into the growing con-sumer traffic on the Internet. It now operates three Internet

commerce sites: www.egg-head.com, www.surplusdirect.com and www.surplu-

sauction.com. (Reuters) • MIXED NEWS ON MAINFRAMES: Total shipments of mainframe computers in Japan in 1997partly because of a weak do-

mestic economy, an industry group said Wednesday. The Japan Electronic Industry Development Association said that in value terms, byte removable hard drive shipments fell 15 percent from the previous year to 823.1 billion yen (\$5.89 billion).

the 1997-98 financial year, 43 percent to 1,570 units, reflecting a robust U.S. economy, it said. But the value of exports declined by 4 percent to 153 billion yen amid increased shipments of lowpriced models. (Reuters)

TURE: Eastman Kodak ridge sales in Italy, Germany Co.'s Japanese unit denied a and Britain. bashi, a Fuji Bank Jiji Tsushin-Sha report this spokesman. (Bloomberg) week that it had proposed forming a consortium with Internet digital-imaging dis-tribution servers, including Fuji Photo Film Co.

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tribution services in August. Fuji Photo Film has already started its Internet service. spokesman said.

(AFX) REQUEST FOR AP-98 were down 6 percent from PEAL: SyQuest Technology a year earlier, at 2,820 units, Inc. said Wednesday it would appeal a French court's decision to grant a preliminary injunction that would prevent cartridges in France.

On Priday, in summary proceedings, the Paris Dis-Exports of mainframes in trict Court granted a request submitted by Iomega Corp. to which ended in March, rose block SparQ cartridge sales by SyQuest and its French subsidiary in France. Iomega claimed that SyQuest's cartridge design infringes an antirattle mechanism patent is-sued to Iomega in Europe. The court rejected Iomega's OUT OF THE PIC. request to block SparQ cart-

court's decision and are preparing to file an appeal with the French appellate court," said Tom Tokos, SyQuest executive vice president, gen-Kodak said it would start eral counsel and secretary.

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Internet Burnout: A Survivor's Story

By Christopher Lehmann-Haupt New York Times Service

new-media business -- "Burn itself optimistically. ' - refers to "the money a comheaded for disaster.

almost became rich beyond the dreams of avarice.

Almost. A writer by profession, Mr. Wolff started a business in 1990 to develop ideas for books, magazines and tele-

Then two things happened. He reencountered Louis Rossetto, a haunted expatriate visionary who believed that thought that his magazine, eventually to "We did not propose to be called Wired, would do for techform a consortium with Fnji nology what Rolling Stone had done for
Photo Film," a Kodak rock music and Playboy for sex.

At the same time, the Internet came into existence, promising to become as author. And how America Online Inc., revolutionary a new medium as radio and television were in their time.

Inspired by both these developments, Mr. Wolff came to believe that however this new medium developed, it was going to demand content. So he created the company from importing guides to the Internet and the Web sites and selling its SparQ 1-giga- called Your Personal Clock and called Your Personal Clock and Netclock. His company grew so fast that expenditures began to outpace profits, creating his so-called burn rate.

But his Internet business was hot in another sense as well. A Wall Street Journal feature on Mr. Wolff attracted Robert Machinist, an investment banker he had known in college, who now told him, "I'm willing to share with you my personal goal, which is to do a public offering north of \$200 million."

In the heat of the wheeling and dealing that followed, Mr. Machinist further said to "We are surprised by the Mr. Wolff, "I want you to give a building to the col-lege." He added. "We can call it the Wolff Center for New Media."

How his sand castles turned into mad is the subject of Mr. Wolff's satirical nar-(Reuters)

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nation to write what he calls "a sort of The title of Michael Wolff's anti-press release" to counteract the natcanstically comic report on the ural tendency of a new industry to spin

As things fell apart, as the "poetry of pany spends each month exceeding its money in motion" numed into angry revenues," or the rate at which it is recriminations, Mr. Wolff felt himself becoming a potential meal in a business Subtitled "How I Survived the Gold Rush Years on the Internet," the book tells how Mr. Wolff developed a burn are lunch." Gradually, he descended to a and trends mixing with social and hisrate so incendiary that, paradoxically, he depth where, he said, "I saw my circle in torical and economic forces and techhell. I would never be able to stop ne-

ut more than the story of his struggle for survival, Mr. Wolff's account is about how the Internet beguiled everyone who failed to understand it, how, for instance, he writes, Time Warner Inc. plunged "so precipitously into a business it knew nothing computers were going to change the about that the word "spread quickly up whole idea of what print is and who and down the Silicon Valley peninsula that there was a new dumbest in the

business. How CMP Media, a Long Island publisher of computer magazines, all but bought the Brooklyn Bridge from the which he calls "the most dysfunctional company in America," succeeded in becoming mighty despite itself, mainly bepeople could engage one another sexually in chat rooms.

'This sex stuff is, really, new,' he writes, "a paradigm shift. For one thing, you have ordinary people, millions of ordinary people, engaged in a narrative "Nobody knows what's going on. The technology people don't know. The

rative, based on notes he took in board descriptions, setting scenes, developing meetings and inspired by his determigagements. It's a new form of story, of the written word, of the way we communicate fantasies, desires, aspirations. I'm serious.'

> ventually Mr. Woiff wore out and began to have doubts about the I future of the Internet. He defines it nological advances and roiled by constant upheaval and sudden reversals." But he wonders if it is truly a medium of communication in the sense that radio and television are.

Maybe businesses trying to master the Internet were wasting their time. After all, he writes, "I'm not sure any two people came away from the Net having had anything close to similar experiences; that is, gotten the same message."
He adds, "Much like the telephone, the Internet was an instrument through which we were all finding we could exercise a highly individual and idiosyncratic control over the messages we

were getting."
You got them when you wanted to get them, not when someone wanted to serve them up to you. "And lastly, and most importantly, you could, if you cause, he argues, it was a place where wanted, make your voice as powerful as any other. You could send your own message. Good for you. God save us."

The time had come for him to get out of what he was beginning to see as a losing game. Still, the field remains wide open.

content people don't know. The money people don't know. Whatever we agree on today will be disputed tomor-Whoever is leading today, I can say with absolute certainty, will be adrift or transformed some number of months from now." He concludes: "It's a kind of anarchy. A strangely level play-ing field. The Wild West."

And if his amusing book is a fair reflection, civilization has not yet even begun to ar-

"Burn Rate: How I Survived the Gold Rush Years on the Internet," by Michael Wolff. 268 pages.Simon &

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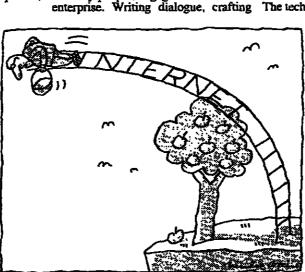
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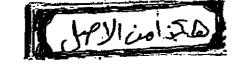
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EU Gives a Green Light to Two Trans-Atlantic Airline Alliances

By Barry James International Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS — The European Commission provisionally approved two maor trans-Atlantic airline alliances on Wednesday, but the official in charge of antitust issues, Karel van Miert, warned that he is considering action against European carriers that have formed an

effective cartel on some routes. The commission's draft ruling re-moved a major hurdle for British Airways PLC and American Airlines to go ahead with a long-planned alliance that is expected to dominate about 40 percent of total trans-Atlantic traffic. The deal still requires approval from

U.S. regulatory anthorities, but it has been approved by the British government, although London has not yet signed a so-called open-skies agreement that the United States requires before

allowing the alliance to go ahead.

Before they can link up, the commission said, the two airlines must give up a total of 267 weekly takeoff and landing slots at Heatinow and Gatwick airports near London, the equivalent of 19 daily round-trip flights, and reduce flight frequencies to three American cities. The airlines now have about 5,000 weekly slots, a BA spokesman said.

Relinquishing the slots is meant to make room for rival carriers during a six-month "window of opportunity" in

order to encourage competition on major hub-to-hub routes. But Delta Air Lines Inc. criticized the

rolling, which, it said, would not protect EU regulators approve WorldCom's

purchase of MCL Page 15.

competition at London's Heathrow airport, AFX reported from New York. [Scott Yohe, Delta senior vice president in charge of government affairs, said: "The commission's decision will not protect competition in this important market. The EU's proposal will have little lasting effect on their (BA and

American Airlines') ability to dominate

the largest intercontinental air travel market in the world."]

The decision on slots was in line with what had been expected, but the reaction of the two airlines indicated that some tough bargaining might still lay ahead. British Airways called the decision 'positive news" but said that some of

the terms were "too harsh." The commission, the executive arm of the European Union, also provisionally approved the existing alliance between Lufthansa, Scandinavian Airlines Systerns and UAL Corp.'s United Airlines.

However, it told United and Lufthansa that they must cede 108 slots in Frankfurt and Copenhagen before their alliance could proceed. A slot is the process of landing, handling passengers, and taking off again.

Separately, Mr. van Miert said the commission was "going to pay very close attention" to a European airline alliance involving Sabena, Austrian Airlines, Swissair and Delta Airlines, which he alleged had set up a "closed shop" on some routes and excluded effective competition. The alliance is going ahead with plans to include other airlines, including TAP of Portugal, in-dustry sources said.

"Anyone can figure out the high prices on the Brussels-to-Vienna route," he said, citing one example of how airline deregulation in Europe has not resulted in a better deal for passengers.

dominating some routes, the European alliance may go against the spirit of de-regulation in Europe, which broke up a system in which mostly state-owned air-lines carved up traffic under bilateral gov-

emment-to-government arrangements.
The commission is also reviewing an alliance involving KLM Royal Dutch Airlines and Northwest Airlines.

Mr. van Miert said the commission was eager to prevent airlines from using the alliances to divide up the markets among themselves.

Under the alliance arrangements, which mostly benefit airlines rather than passengers, airlines share routes, reservation systems and marketing arrangements.

MEDIA MARKETS

The Battle . For Digital **Supremacy**

By Joel Brinkley New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - The companies backing DVD, the CD-size digital disk that can contain a feature-length movie, are boasting a lot these days, telling anyone who will listen that their product is selling faster than either compact-disk players or VCRs did at the corresponding points after they were introduced.

By late June, a little more than a year after the introduction of the DVD. manufacturers had sold nearly 600,000 DVD players. By comparison, in March 1985, 16 months after the compact disk was introduced, only 320,000 players had been sold. For videocassette recorders in September 1979, the

number was 515,000. As pleased as equipment makers and Hollywood studio executives are, some acknowledge that in some ways the achievement is hollow because DVD is in a race for its survival, sprinting to gain a significant foothold in American homes shead of two head-strong rivals.

One of the competitors is bove as upstart hybrid DVD format that went on sale last month in two test markets, Richmond, Virginia, and San Francisco. A full-scale national introduction is scheduled for September.

But the other more important adversary is digital cable television,



Carlos Montecino, left, demonstrating a new digital video technology to a Circuit City customer in California.

which is expected to make picture-perfect, digital pay per view movies a ubiquious feature in American homes within a few years, said Warren Lieber-farb, president of Warner Home Video, the largest distributor of DVDs.

This is kind of a horse race, not just

whole migration to digital pay per ilar plans, as do some broadcasters, view, he said.

Last month, AT&T Corp. agreed to fall.

buy Tele-Communications Inc., the second-largest U.S. cable company. One goal of the merged company is to bring pay-per-view movies on demand against Divx, but against AT&T and to millions of homes. Comcast Corp. TCI, against Comcast cable — and the and other cable companies have simto millions of homes. Comcast Corp.

Mr. Lieberfarb says he fears that movies on demand will short-circuit the sale of movies on disks. The medium will fail, he says, unless DVD is

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Paris Bourse Sees Technology as Its EU Advantage

*Updated Electronic Center Promoted as the Most Efficient Gateway to the Europe of Tomorrow'

By Sara Henley and Myra MacDonald

PARIS — Whatever shape the future European stock market alliance finally takes, the Paris bourse believes it has a key advantage in the scramble for a

euro-zone role — technology.
For years, it has been easy to dismiss Paris — which by market capitalization is just behind Frankfurt in the world rankings — as set to be trampled on as stock markets globalize and Europe moves toward a single currency.

News that London and Deutsche Boerse plan a strategic alliance, based on a common electronic trading platform, is the latest move in a waltz by European stock exchanges, mixing and matching rartners in a ritual of competition and collusion.

Their partnership may seem to exclude Paris, at last for the moment, but the French market's advantage is that while they are still only planning electronic trade, it already has a successful

Paris has been changing fast for over

Where once an elite crowd would gossip in a smoke-filled hall around a market," said the SBF spokesman,

circular barrier, pitching cigarette butts into a mound of sand, now a computer network can handle up to 150 orders

every second. The Paris bourse has solid competitive pluses and every intention of making them felt," says Didier Dav-ydoff, director of research and strategy at the SBF Paris bourse.

Bourse volumes have picked up dramatically in the last 18 months, and with electronic trade opportunities burgeon-ing worldwide, the bourse chairman, Jean-Francois Theodore, has been pushing Paris as "the most efficient gateway to the Europe of tomorrow."

Paris also has some other unusual features that bourse officials say go down well with foreign members — once they understand them.

Electronic trade is nothing new to market professionals in, for example, the Nordic region but among the larger markets Paris claims a lead. Its automated system handles all trades, while Frankfurt's XETRA, in

place for less than a year, accounts for about 40 percent of the total. In London the SETS electronic orderbook still tacks liquidity and confidence.

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"The market in Paris is made by the

Olivier Allot, "The principle is that no single participant has more influence than the others."

It started the shift back in the mid-1980s, when a single European currency was at best a distant prospect. While other markets face a culture change to throw the switch on openoutcry, in France the origins of that shift

date back well over a decade. Shares were "dematerialized" 1984, becoming data lines instead of paper certificates, and as early as 1986 a

handful traded electronically. By 1989 the biggest capitalizations were traded on the electronic CAC system. Futures and options have since been linked into an open platform enabling even end-investors to plug in

real-time through telephone lines. Now the Super CAC or NSC orderdriven system finds counterparties, matching orders with a minimum traded

quantity of one share.

Traditional intermediaries can twiddle their thumbs, or devote their energy to picking up more orders. Be-yond electronic trading, other peculi-arities add spice to trade through Paris.

Most unusual -- and least understood - is its unique monthly settlement system, the Reglement Mensuel. It lets investors pay up-front only a fraction of the full cost of any deal carried out in the first three weeks of the month. Full payment comes on settlement day.

"We see it as a forward market in shares," says Mr. Allot. Monthly settlement is the basis of trade in the Paris market's most liquid blue chips, letting investors take a cut-price punt with only limited cover.

The Paris bourse has also been doing well on cost. A survey by Institutional Investor magazine last year found it the cheapest place to trade in the world, in the impact of orders on the market.

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Investors Aren't Betting That IMF Can Save Russia

Moscow Scrambles for Billions in Extra Loans

By Michael Gordon New York Times Service

MOSCOW - The International Monetary Fund and the Yeltsin government are negotiating an aid package that may produce less money than foreign investors say is needed to help ease the Russian financial crisis.

Russian officials have stated that they need \$10 billion to \$15 billion in assistance from the IMF and other lenders. Because Russia's stocks, bonds and currency have taken a pounding recently, some Western investment bankers say Russia may need \$20 billion or more to rebuild investor confidence.

But the IMF has privately indicated it may be willing to provide only \$5.6 billion in new loans, forcing Russia to scramble for additional funds, Russian officials said.

The exact amount of financing from the IMF is still under negotiation and will ultimately depend on whether the Russians take concrete steps to cut their budget deficit and restructure their economy, IMF officials said. They added, however, that after huge bailouts in

Asia, IMF resources were limited. If Russia managed to fulfill all of the IMF's tough demands and obtained substantial funding from commercial banks and other institutions, it might be pos-sible for the Kremlin to reach its \$15 billion goal, IMF officials say.

Meeting all of the fund's conditions, however, will be politically difficult. President Boris Yeltsin, for example, has urged Parliament to adopt an ambitious "anti-crisis" plan to cut Russia's budget deficit. But the IMF privately informed Russia last week that Mr. Yeltsin's plan went only halfway toward meeting its demand that the budget deficit be reduced next year to 2 percent to 2.5 percent of the economy

from 5.5 percent now. The IMF is also insisting that Russia pass a new tax code, adopt legislation on budget procedures, tighten bank regulation and take bold steps to end the troublesome culture of nonpayment under which wages go unpaid, tax debts accumulate and companies do business

Russia's markets took a beating on Tuesday, as interest rates for short-term Russian treasury bills soared to 120 ercent from 90 percent on Monday. On Wednesday, stocks continued to fall, with the benchmark index down 3.67 points, or 2.65 percent, to 134.81.

Seeking to bring calm to Russia's mar-kets, the IMF, the World Bank and Rusgotiators said they had agreed on some of the conditions set by the IMF. But there

Banker Gives EU a Fiscal Wake-Up Call

are still some differences over Russia's ability to raise new revenue and impose

measures to control its monopolies. "There is an understanding in prin-ciple on the biggest issues," Anatoli Chubais, the chief Russian negotiator, said in an effort to reassure foreign investors. He added that the negotiators would meet on Thursday to resolve the outstanding issues.

One Western official said, however, that it would be difficult to wrap up the negotiations this week, and he stressed that the package still needed to be approved by Mr. Yeltsin and the Com-

munist-dominated Parliament. Defining how much money Russia needs is a judgment call about the re-serves of its central bank, Russia's mountain of debt and the more amorphous question of how much assistance is needed to restore confidence in the fi-

nancial markets. Yegor Gaidar, the former prime minister who currently advises the Yeltsin government, said that Russia needed \$10 billion to \$15 billion in assistance.

Most of the money would be used to strengthen the central bank reserves, which now total about \$15 billion. Economists say that foreign investors hold about \$20 billion in Russian treasury bills. If they were to cash in their bills when they mature, and refuse to accept new debt, the central bank's reserves would be exhausted.

The IMF has maintained from the start that it is not in the business of making new loans simply to calm investors and, in any event, it is husbanding its dwindling resources after fashioning a \$43 billion bailout for Indonesia and an even larger one for South Korea.

It says that Russia is chiefly responsidic for solving its crisis and in ditional sources of funds, such as international banks, must also be found.

Stanley Fischer, the IMF's first deputy managing director, said last month that \$10 billion to \$15 billion was now more than the IMF could give to one economy.

Many Western investment bankers assert that the fund does not appreciate just how jittery investors are. They say that the IMF should try to determine how much assistance is needed to calm the markets and then provide it on the condition that Russia agrees to a realistic program of reforms. There is no sense, they say, in the IMF position that the more a nation does, the more it

should receive. "The irony is that the longer the IMF waits, the more damage is done in the process," said Marc Holtzman, president of corporate finance for ABN-Amro, the Dutch bank. "It is already happening."

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By John Schmid
International Herald Tribune

FRANKFURT - In the first test of the European Central Bank's capacity to discipline the spending of politicians, the new bank's president on Wednesday escalated pressure on EU governments to halt the backsliding in what he called stalled deficit cutting efforts. Speaking after only the second meet-

ing of the bank's governing board, Wirn Duisenberg warned that slack budget consolidation efforts could add "an additional strain on the future monetary policy of the European Central Bank." Mr. Duisenberg became the latest official this week to raise fears over Europe's public finances, reflecting growing concerns that European Union governments hurried to relax their spending targets after squeezing to meet last year's fiscal benchmarks to join the

new currency bloc.

Eckhard Schulte, an economist in Frankfurt at the Industrial Bank of Japan, said European central bankers were worried that relaxed discipline would weaken confidence that Europe is able to make structural reforms and control deficits over the long term. Mr. Schulte also said untarned spending could conflict with future interest-rate decisions, potentially giving the central bank an incentive to push lending rates higher after it takes control of Europe's interest-rate levers on Jan. 1.

Despite the economic rebound in Europe, which replenishes tax revenue and should make budget discipline easi-

direction of balanced budgets." Laying out a direct challenge to member gov-ernments, the central banker insisted that any "growth dividends" or budget windfalls produced by the upturn must be used to lower deficits and debt levels. Mr. Duisenberg did not cite individual governments, but Alison Cot-

trell, senior economist in London at PaineWebber International, said he probably had been referring to France, Germany, Belgium and Holland. Using his latest appearance to hone his credentials as a tough and inde-pendent central banker, Mr. Duisenberg

adamantly rejected the notion that soft interest rates would offer a remedy for Europe's unemployment crisis. Apart from lax spending policy. Europe is enjoying a bright economy, according to Mr. Duisenberg.

"The general picture is one of continued economic expansion combined with broadly low inflation," he said.

The comments reinforced the view that interest rates in the euro zone may remain close to the relatively low 3.3 percent benchmarks set by Germany and France, the two nations that account for 56 percent of the bloc's economic output and half its population. Italy and Ireland, with short-term borrowing rates at 5.00 percent and 6.75 percent, respectively, need to lower their rates further in the next five months to bring them in line, Mr. Duisenberg said.

Many economists have pushed back their forecasts for an interest rate increase in recent weeks. Although they still expect an increase in rates before er, Mr. Duisenberg complained that "we year's end, many now expect it to be see relatively little further progress in the incremer" in the before autumn.

"We do not see any increase in rates in the near future," Finance Minister Theo Waigel of Germany said.

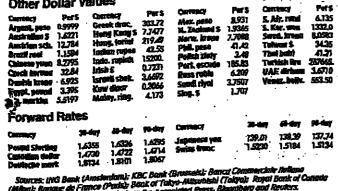
The European Central Bank also borrowed from the Bundesbank's tool kit as it prepares to take control of the euro on

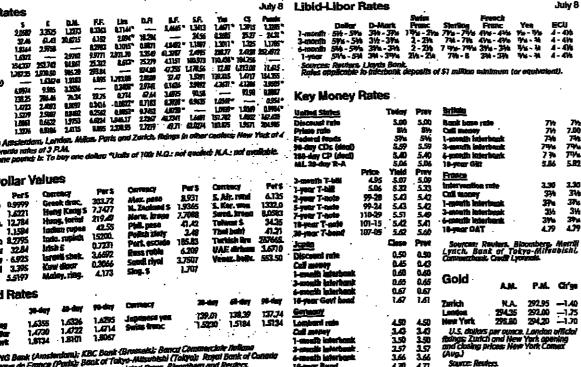
Adding to its monetary policy instruments, the central bank said it planned to emulate the German minimum-reserve requirements, which oblige private banks to set aside mandatory deposits each month with the central bank. Opponents of the plan complain that such reserves create a tax on banks by holding their assets hos-tage, but Mr. Duisenberg mollified them with assurances that the central bank would neutralize any disadvantage by paying an interest rate on the deposits. Minimum reserves give central

bankers greater control over money markets by giving them control over a larger share of the money in the commercial banking system. Mr. Duisenberg said banks would be required to hold between 1.5 to 2.5 percent of certain types of assets at the central bank. Fifteen percent of the initial reserves must be in gold.

Gold prices fell after the announcement that Mr. Duisenberg had not mentioned any freeze on central bank gold sales, as some dealers had expected. Gold closed in London at \$292.00, per

ounce, down from \$293.75 on Tuesday. Mr. Duisenberg also said that the bank would have to approve "all operations in foreign-reserve assets" remaining in European central banks, including about 12,000 tons of gold. Bloomberg News reported. That left open the possibility that some gold could be sold.









Very briefly:

- Apple Computer Inc. will report its third consecutive quarterly profit, for the period ending in June, the company's co-founder and chief executive, Steve Jobs, said at the Macworld trade show in New York.
- General Motors Corp. and the United Auto Workers have had late-night meetings for several days, fueling speculation that strikes that have crippled GM may nearly be over.
- Paul Allen, the co-founder of Microsoft Corp., will apparently become the largest shareholder in the entertainment company DreamWorks SKG. Mr. Allen has agreed to acquire more than half of the DreamWorks stake that is owned by the South Korean food conglomerate Cheil Jedang, in a deal worth more than \$160 million, people familiar with the
- Volkswagen AG said Gerd Klauss, vice president of Volkswagen of America and head of VW's Audi unit in the United States and Canada, would become president of VW of America and VW Canada, replacing Clive Warrilow.
- · Network Associates Inc., the provider of computer networking software for Windows, received approval from the Chinese government to sell its anti-virus products in China.
- Marriott International Inc., the hotel giant, said profit rose 20 percent in the second quarter, to \$101 million, or 37 cents a share, from \$84 million, or 31 cents a share, a year earlier. The results were slightly above analysts' expectations.
- Procter & Gamble Co.'s Folgers Coffee unit said it would cut the price of its standard 13-ounce can of ground regular and ground decaffeinated coffees by 20 cents - to \$2.31 and \$3.01, respectively — because of a drop in futures prices.
- DeKalb Genetics Corp., the seed company, said net income in the most recent quarter fell 79 percent, to \$2.8 million, or 8 cents a share, from \$13.1 million, or 36 cents a share, a year earlier, as the company was hurt by significantly higher corn production costs in North America. Analysts had expected the company to earn 36 cents a share. AFX, Bloomberg, Reuters

Broad-Market Indexes March Back to Records

NEW YORK - Stocks rose strongly Wednesday, led by financial issues after analysts predicted strong gains for the combined Travelers Group Inc. and Citicorp over the next 18 months.

The Standard & Poor's 500 and Nasdaq stock indexes set record

Travelers is buying Citicorp to form Citigroup, and an analyst at Merrill Lynch & Co. said the combined company could see a 20 per-

cent increase in profit next year. The Dow Jones industrial average closed 89.93 points higher at

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9,174.97, led by Travelers, which rose 41/2 to 68 15/16. Citicorp rose 10 15/16 to 171 7/16.

J.P. Morgan, a frequent focal point of the merger speculation spurred by the Travelers deal, rose 2 9/16 to 12514.

"There's such momentum in the market right now," said Jeffrey Davis, chief investment strategist at State Street Global Advisors. "And with financial companies, investors are recognizing that consolidation pays off on the bottom line." Broader market indexes also were

higher, with the Standard & Poor's 500 index rising 11.71 points to a record 1,166.37. The Nasdaq composite index rose 27.28 points to a record 1.935.39, and gaining issues outnumbered deones by a 9-to-5 ratio on the New York Stock Exchange.

'No disastrous news is good news and there are no economic

Bloomberg News

controlling stake in Centrais

Geradoras do Sul do Brasil SA for

at least \$814.6 million on Sept. 1,

setting a lower-than-expected

price in its first move to lure in-

vestment to the country's elec-

Brazil's sale of a 42 percent

stake in Gerasul will be the first of

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SAO PAULO — Brazil said

Brazil to Sell Off Electricity Stake

Wednesday it planned to sell a Gerasul for that price," said Wal-

Doug Myers, vice president of equity trading at Interstate/Johnson Lane. Intel was the most actively traded issue, rising 3 3/16 to 78 5/16 on speculation that personal computer makers will buy more chips from the

world's largest semiconductor maker now that PC inventories are falling. "Intel is going to be the bigges beneficiary of a snapback in the industry," said Mark Edelstone, an industry, analyst at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co.

But Internet stocks, which were market leaders this week, were mixed. Amazon.com fell 15 to 1071/a after an analyst at Nationsbanc Montgomery Securities downgraded the on-line book retailer to "hold" from "buy," citing the high-flying stock's recent surge. Amazon.com's shares have climbed

from about 50 in early June. Cardima rose 6 13/32 to 8 31/32 after U.S. regulators approved the company's Vueport catheter for mapping of ventricular tachycardia,

a life-threatening heart condition.

Biocontrol Technology rose 1/64
to 1/16 after the biotechnology company said it received approval to market its blood sugar measurement device in Britain.

In the Treasury bond market, prices fell as the market absorbed government and corporate debt issu

The Treasury sold \$8 billion of inflation-indexed 30-year bonds, while Merrill Lynch & Co. sold \$1.2 billion of notes and Fannie Mae began selling \$2 billion of debt.

The price of the benchmark 30year government bond fell 9/32 point to 107 6/32, taking the yield up to 5.62 percent from 5.60 percent numbers looming that people can use as an excuse to not do anything," said Tuesday. (Bloomberg, Reuters, AP)

"I don't think they're going to have any problem at all selling

ter Stoeppelwerth, an analyst at

The minimum price was below

analyst expectations of between

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the rate Gerasul - one of the

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Brazil will sell the remaining

Robert Fleming Securities.

More Reorganization at Motorola

Cell-Phone Maker Plans Job Cuts After Posting Quarterly Loss

SCHAUMBURG, Illinois

Motorola Inc., the world's top Wednesday it planned to cut more jobs in a drive to improve profits efficiency, saving \$750 million.
Robert Growney, Motoroli

Motorola late Tuesday posted a net loss of \$1.33 billion for the quarter to June 27, compared with a net profit of \$268 million a year ago. Sales slipped to \$7.02 billion from \$7.52 billion.

The results included a charge of \$1.98 billion for restructuring costs. Excluding that charge, earnings were \$6 million.

Although the results were slightly better than analysts expec-ted, Motorola stock fell \$3 Wednesday, to close at \$52. The results were released after markets closed

Motorola's chief executive, Christopher Galvin, warned that a sharp drop in consumer confidence available. in Asia would probably affect

earnings for the rest of the year.
"The numbers were better than expected but the outlook was

Equity Group.

Motorola said it would announce maker of cellular phones, said further restructuring this week that would reduce costs and improve

Robert Growney, Motorola's president, said a reorganization was already under way, and that about 2,200 jobs were cut in the second quarter. He said he expected another 6,700 more cuts in the third quarter

Motorola has been battered in recent months in two of its larger businesses: computer-chip sales and cellular products.

The company has seen steady market-share erosion to such cellular phone competitors as Nokia Oy of Finland and LM Ericsson AB of Sweden, which for months have been offering increasingly. popular digital phones, while Motorola has yet to provide details on when its phones will be widely

Motorola reiterated that it plans to make major digital wireless phone product announcements worse than expected," said Aydin details but said it expected its di-

Tuncer, an analyst with S&P gital phone portfolio to be significantly stronger going into the fourth quarter and saw significant product shipments late in the third quarter and in the fourth quarter.

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Cellular product sales for the second quarter feil 1 percent, to \$2.78 billion, and orders were down 11 percent in the paging and other messaging information segment, sales fell 32 percent to \$771 million,

while orders plunged 35 percent. Meanwhile, Motorola's semiconductor business — which ac-counts for nearly a third of annual sales - has sunk under the weight of problems in Asia.

Asian competitors, particularly from South Korea, have been sharply catting computer chip prices to weather the economic damage in their countries, stealing business from Motorola. Demand in the region fell sharply just as Motorola completed massive facilities designed to meet expected

increases in demand Motorola also said the Chinese government's reorganizing of its communications industries had relater this month. It declined to give duced orders, especially in pa-details but said it expected its di-ging. (AP. Reuters)

Japan's Indecision Weighs on Yen

NEW YORK - The dollar rose against the yen Wednesday after halt the yen's plunge. the next two days at Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto Japanese officials are unlikely to measures it will adopt. of Japan offered few details of his

plans to cut taxes. The market is getting tired of waiting for Japan to take action on said Luis Maizel of LM Capital Management. "They can no longer talk their way out of this crisis. If we don't see concrete action soon, we're going to see the dollar at 155 yen.

The dollar was quoted at 4 P.M. at 139.415 yen, up from 138.575 yen the economy back on track. on Tuesday.

Lisa Finstrom, a currency analyst at Salomon Smith Barney, said, "Hashimoto's speech was not too inspiring, disappointing in terms of both timing and lack of specifics." Other analysts said U.S. officials were likely to be disappointed with

the lack of specifics on a tax plan. American officials have been at pains to stress that any market intervention to rescue the yen would prove fruitless if Japan did not back it up with decisive action to bolster

July 8, 1998

the economy. The United States last mission currently in Moscow is exmonth joined to sell dollars to help

give any further insight into their economic stimulus plans until after elections on Sunday for seats in the upper house of Parliament.

A poor showing for Mr. Hashi-moto's Liberal Democratic Party

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

could make it harder for the party to continue pushing for efforts to get

The dollar rose against the Deutsche mark on talk that Russia may have trouble raising enough to many said he did not expect interest defend the ruble and repay debt, sour- rates to rise any time soon in Gering investors on Germany, Russia's largest lender and trading partner.

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An International Monetary Fund

pecting firm details from Russia in the next two days about specific

But reports that the IMF may only be willing to provide Russia with \$5.6 billion in new loans, less than the \$10 billion to \$15 billion that Russian officials say is needed, kept the mark under pressure.

'Given Germany's trade and lending partnership with Russia, the mark is valuerable to any upsets there," said Neil MacKinnon, a director at the bedge fund advisory firm Burke & MacKinnon Ltd.

The dollar got support after Fi-nance Minister Theo Waigel of Germany or the other 10 nations that will adopt the single currency in January. Higher rates bolster curlate trading from 1.8145 DM Tues-day. It rose to 6.0950 French francs more attractive. Expectations that German economic growth is not Swiss francs from 1.5277 francs: strong enough to convince the The pound slipped to \$1.6367 from Bundesbank to raise rates when it meets Thursday also hurt the mark. (Bloomberg, Bridge News)

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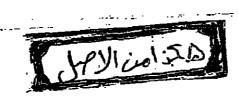
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ABN-AMRO to Buy Brazilian Private Bank

Compiled by Our Staff Prova Dispose's AMSTERDAM - ABN-AMRO NV said

\$2.1 billion, in what the Dutch bank said was its ing rights to 70 percent, which is likely to raise acquisition price and the situation in Brazil." Integrating Banco Real's \$15 billion in assets ABN-AMRO said.

provide banking services across the globe.

Jan Kalff, the chairman of ABN-AMRO, said he expected more than \$100 million in cost National Monetary Council have said they have

ABN's Brazilian operations would earn about ABN-AMRO said. \$1.2 billion in profit by 2001. in Brazil," Mr. Kalff said.

though initially it will hold only 40 percent of

Wednesday it was acquiring Brazil's fourth-largest privately held bank, Banco Real SA, for its approval, ABN-AMRO will increase its vottotal cost of the acquisition to \$3 billion,

to its worldwide network is part of ABN.

"We have a commitment from the majorary AMRO's plan to expand in Latin America and shareholder to buy his shares. They cannot be sold to another party," Mr. Kalif said.
The Central Bank of Brazil and the Brazilian

synergies from the acquisition. He predicted no objection in principle to the acquisition,

"Banco Real makes a perfect strategic fit issuing \$1 billion in preferred stock and partly with ABN-AMRO Bank's existing operations from the bank's existing resources. The acquisition would be partly financed by

Under the agreement with Banco Real's controlling shareholder, Aloysio de Andrade Faria, ABN-AMRO will run the Brazilian bank al-The purchase makes Brazil, Latin America's

"The advantages are it fits in their strategy and links up neatly with their existing network," said Dennis Ederzeel, an analyst at Delta Lloyd Bank. "But I'm still a bit uncertain about the

The takeover follows the agreement last month by Credit Suisse Group to buy Banco de Investimentos Garantia SA. Brazil's largest investment bank, in a transaction that had a value of at least \$675 million.

ABN-AMRO said the takeover would be "increasingly positive" for earnings per share starting in 1999 and offers potential for "major profit increases."

Banco Real, with its head office in Sao Paulo, offers a number of services, including retail banking. The agreement covers ABN-AMRO's purchase of 10 related businesses, including a residential-mortgage finance company, an asset-management company and insurance (Reuters, Bloomberg)

day it had postponed plans to sell a stake in Air France, Europe's thirdlargest carrier, until after September to give the airline sufficient time to work out equity agreements with pülots

pilots about the size of the stake they will take in the company, the Transport Ministry said. The state plans to sell 20 percent of the carrier to investors and an additional 10 percent to pilots.

Air France needs to agree with the

Air France

Delays Plans

To Sell Shares

Until Autumn

Bloombers News

PARIS - France said Wednes-

'September looks difficult, but October seems quite possible," said Jocelyne Gorge, spokeswoman for the Transport Ministry. "We never gave a precise date for the sale."

An Air France spokeswoman said

the decision was "logical." The management must start neotiating with the pilots by Aug.

After a nine-day strike last month. pilots and management reached an agreement whereby the pilots' wages would be frozen for five years. In exchange they would re-

ceive some stock of the company. The airline told analysts last week at a presale briefing that the strike cost it 1.5 billion French francs (\$247 million) in lost revenue, 50 percent more than it first estimated. The airline posted a profit of 1.9 billion francs in the year to March

31, its first after eight years of Analysts estimate the sale of a 20 percent stake will bring the government between 3.8 billion francs

and 4.0 billion francs. Morgan Stanley and Credit Agricole Indosuez are advising the state on the sale.

■ Club Med Returns to Profit

sales rose, Bloomberg News report-

Club Mediterrance SA, Europe's largest package-tour operator, returned to profit in its first half as

The French operator of 120 resort villages worldwide earned 132 mil-

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Very briefly:

Cap Gemini SA's first-half earnings more than doubled to 450 million French francs (\$74 million) from 222 million francs a year ago as demand for its services grew across Europe and companies invested more in computers. Sales at Europe's biggest computer-services company rose 32 percent to 12.4 billion francs.

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• Virgin Retail Group Ltd. agreed to buy W.H. Smith Group PLC's 75 percent stake in the Virgin Our Price music stores to give it complete ownership. Virgin Entertainment Group Ltd. said it would reorganize the unit into its two constituent businesses: Virgin Retail and Our Price.

 Virgin Express plans to apply for an Irish operating license to avoid labor costs in Belgium. The no-frills airline, which is trying to counter a shortage of pilots, will maintain its headquarters in Brussels, but move the office of registration to Ireland. STMicroelectronics NV and International Business Machines Corp. agreed to jointly develop multiple-function semiconductors for computer memory devices and low-cost network-access computers.

• CVC Capital Partners Ltd., a British-based private equity company, raised \$3.1 billion for its CVC European Equity Partners II Fund, the most ever raised for a fund to finance European management buyouts.

• Greece's central bank cut its key 14-day repo interest rate by a more-than-expected 75 basis points to 13 percent, sending the drachma soaring against the Deutsche mark as foreign investors jumped into the Greek bond and stock markets.

 SAS plans to recruit 1,000 more pilots and cabin crew over the next two years as the Scandinavian airline takes on 60 new aircraft for both domestic and European routes. SAS currently employs about 23,000 people. Its work force was cut by about 3,000 between 1991 and 1994 when the airline und, twent a cost-cutting program.

WorldCom Says MCI Deal on Track for Summer

BRUSSELS -- WorldCom Inc. said Wednesday that it was confident that its purchase of MCI Communications Corp. would go ahead this summer following the European Commission's condition-

al approval.
The commission, the European Union's executive arm, cleared the U.S. long-distance telephone market. \$42 billion deal between the two A ruling is not expected until the fall, U.S. telecommunications compabut the commission said it had conies last month on the condition that operated with the U.S. Justice De-MCI sell off its Internet businesses. The companies also promised that

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To comply with the EU raling, the companies need to choose a buyer for MCI's internet business and complete the sale within a certain period. The acquisition also remains subject to approval from U.S. regulators, who are looking at the companies' combined 25 percent share of the

partment on the case. The European clearance "puts us they would not try to win back on schedule to merge this summer,"

said Mark Weeks, head of corporate weeks ago that the company was in communications for WorldCom Intalks with MCI and was interested in communications for WorldCom International in London.

The combined company, to be called MCI WorldCom, will have combined 1998 revenue of about \$32 AT&T and Williams Cos., analysis

buying all the Internet assets MCI must shed. Other possible bidders include IXC Communications Inc.,

billion and will be the strongest competitor to the No. 1 U.S. long-distance company, AT&T Corp. MCI is the second-biggest U.S. long-distance company, while WorldCom is No. 4, behind Sprint Corp.

One possible buyer for MCI's Internet business is Cable & Wireless PIC of Britain whose chief expressions. AT&T and Williams Cos., analysts said.

The sale will have to be competed within a period of time determined by the commission. Commission and company officials have declined to comment on the dead-line for the sale, or the period of time declined to comment on the dead-line for the sale, or the period of time declined to comment on the dead-line for the sale, or the period of time declined to comment on the dead-line for the sale, or the period of time declined to comment on the dead-line for the sale, or the period of time declined to comment on the dead-line for the sale, or the period of time declined to comment on the dead-line for the sale, or the period of time declined to comment on the dead-line for the sale, or the period of time declined to comment on the dead-line for the sale, or the period of time declined to comment on the dead-line for the sale, or the period of time declined to comment on the dead-line for the sale, or the period of time declined to comment on the dead-line for the sale, or the period of time declined to comment on the dead-line for the sale, or the period of time declined to comment on the dead-line for the sale, or the period of time declined to comment on the dead-line for the sale, or the period of time declined to comment on the dead-line for the sale, or the period of time declined to comment on the dead-line for the sale, or the period of time declined to comment on the dead-line for the sale, and the dead-line for the sale, or the period of time declined to comment on the dead-line for the sale, and the dead-line f

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PARIS -- Bouygues Offshore

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The 2.9 billion franc portion of the contracts going to Bouygues Offshore represents about 75 percent of its 1997 sales. The deal will Bouygues Offshore, a company specialized in oil services, and ET- the expertise needed to win other contracts in the region, one of the last remaining areas with large untapped oil reserves, analysts said.

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Bonn Plans Frugal Budget

L. German Cabinet Approves Proposal to Cut Borrowing

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

1999 federal spending at little more The budget remains subject to than this year. Bostowing would be approval by the lower house of Parreduced, leaving the next governliament, and a change in government with little room to maneuver. ment after elections on Sept. 27 The budget, proposed by Finance Minister Theo Waigel, calls for raismeans that the budget might not pass in its current form. Still, the new government would find it difficult to ing spending by 0.4 percent, to 465.3 billion Deutsche marks (\$256.4 bildeviate from the outline, which has been presented to the European lion) from 463.4 billion DM this year. Net new borrowing would total Commission as a piedge of Ger-56.2 billion DM, down from 56.4 many's intention to keep spending billion in 1998. The budget plan in line under currency union.

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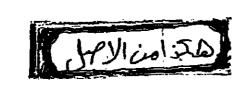
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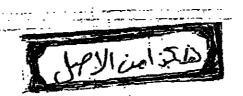
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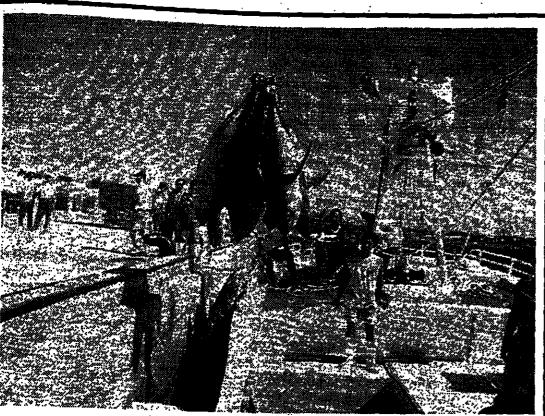
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Fishing for an Economic Revival

Despite Lack of Investors, Philippine City Counts on Success

By Don Kirk nal Herald Tribuni

Philippines — Shuttered shops universities in southern Mindanao. and half-empty office buildings testify to the impact of regional Marist order who came here more economic turnoil on this new frontier of commerce.

"Business is geared on a sur-vival level," said Manuel said Manuel vival level," said Manuel new port facilities and highways as Yaphockum, an entrepreneur in well as the airport with \$110 milconstruction and other enterprises. "The region is suffering from a he criticizes a U.S.-funded proterrible economic mess.'

Even though his own business is barely 30 percent of last year's level, Mr. Yaphockum remains optimistic about the future of this little-known city that many ob-servers think will expand into one of the region's major ports and business communities in another 10 or 20 years.

When I first came here in 1963, the population was about 20,000 and people were riding horses and carrying pistols," Mr. Yaphockum said.

Now more than 400,000 people live in what was historically a Muslim fishing village on Sarangani Bay, on the southeast-ern corner of Mindanao, the large southem island of the Philippi

The way Mr. Yaphockum sees "General Santos City will move forward ahead of the regional re-

But with the region struggling with the economic downturn, for- said. "Some people are going to eign investment has slowed to a have to tighten their belts con-

Only three or four flights a day The head of Growth with Equity take off from a new 10,000-foot in Mindanao, Charles Theibel, airstrip built with American aid blamed problems on "the triple

memorandums, but where is the cent of the country's agricultural are more stable than any other cash?" asked Brother Bob products, has doubled every year country in the area."

McGovern, president of the Business Resource Center Foundation at the local campus of Notre Dame, GENERAL SANTOS CITY, a network of schools, colleges and

Mr. McGovern, a member of the than 30 years ago from New York, was instrumental in some of the planning that led to construction of lion in American aid funds. Now

and the fishing industry is hurt-ing," Mr. McGovern said. "What gram called Growth with Equity in

> activities that don't depend on ag-One example of the kind of enterprise that may set the pace for the city and region is Sarangani Packaging Co., founded by Donald Part-ridge, an engineer who helped set the city's largest enterprise, 30 years ago, and his Filipino wife, a retired doctor.

since 1991. This city leads the way

as the Philippines' second largest fishing port and the top producer of

pineapples, livestock and tuna and one of the nation's leaders in cot-

Devaluation of the peso by 50

percent over the past year is the most obvious reason for the re-

luctance of investors to put more

money into a city whose main en-

terprise is food-processing, but the

we have to do is get some business

The cattle people are hurting,

drought is also critical.

ton and com.

Mr. Partridge, originally from Pendleton, Oregon, recently im-ported two new printing presses from Germany for printing the labels on cans of food processed by

Dole and other companies here and elsewhere in the Philippines "We have grown in a very short time," he said. "We're running 20 hours a day on two 10-hour shifts." He acknowledged,

however, that many businesses implementation?" Mr. McGovern were suffering. "The drought has affected everyone," he said. "Investors

have been holding back." Mayor Rosalito Nunez, who was defeated by a wide margin by international hub with daily cargo flights bearing fresh fruit and fish from this rich agricultural region to destinations ranging from Australia to Japan will have to wait.

Witaminy of the Asian currency a point an affect with President crisis, the El Niño drought and the Joseph Estrada, said: "The regional elections on May 11" that distracted the politicians and bureautrate throughout the country.

Overall, he said, investment in fundamentals, foreign investors "People are looking and signing Mindanao, which produces 44 per- are coming to the Philippines. We

Korea Banks Cut Rates Investor's Asia **Under Official Pressure**

SEOUL - South Korean banks cut lending rates Wednesday for the first time since the country almost went bankrupt in December, yielding to government pressure to help companies ride out a deepening re-

Kookmin Bank, one of South Korea's top six commercial banks, said the rate charged to its best customers ducing the cost of repaying an es-for new loans, known as the prime rate, will fall 0.5 percentage points debt and making it cheaper for to 11 percent from Thursday. In- companies to borrow money for interest charged on all outstanding loans also will be cut by 0.5 percentage points.

Commercial Bank of Korea and

Cho Hung Bank, which also are among the top six banks, said they will cut their prime lending rates by 1 percentage point to 10.5 percent.

Analysts said they expected other countries across Asia to gradually ease interest rates, which had been jacked up to shield currencies since foreign exchange instability rocked the region a year ago.
"Over the next three months, we

are going to see a cautious, not aggressive easing of interest rates to try to revive corporate and banking liquidity," said Vincent Low, a fixed income strategist at Merrill Lynch & Co. in Singapore.

Thailand already has indicated rates would drop this year, and China said last week that it was cutting interest rates on loans by an average 1.12 percentage points from July 1 to spur economic growth. And in Hong Kong, interest tates have fallen significantly over the past week.

The Korean government urged banks to cut lending rates to stem bankruptcies and make it cheaper for companies to make investments that will help spur an economic recovery. Almost 20,000 companies already went bankrupt this year, more than the record last year of

The chief of the Finance Ministry's financial policies, Chung Kun Yong, said the government also would step up cuts in household lending rates and impose some sanctions on banks that do follow this

To help lower market rates, the Korean government will discuss ways to expand the money supply and revise economic policies and targets during meetings with the In-ternational Monetary Fund, a fi-nance ministry official said. The Fund has said it would sup-

port rates coming down over time provided they do not weaken the currency and make it harder for Korea and its companies to repay

"What's really killing Korean companies is the huge financial gearing, not the cost of capital, but lower interest rates will help," said David Kim, Korean research head at Indosuce will help will

Lower rates also will help stem a spate of corporate defaults by re-(Bloomberg, AFP)

Toyota Issues **Bonds Again to** Expand Abroad

TOKYO — Toyota Motor Corp. said it is selling bonds in Japan for the second time this year to raise a war chest to develop vehicles that pollute less and to expand overseas fac-

Japan's largest automaker is selling 150 billion yen (\$1.08 billion) worth of five-year and 10-year bonds. It is the secondlargest issue in Japan this year, after its 200 billion yen issue in February.

This year marks the first time in 27 years that Toyota has is-sued bonds in Japan.

"Toyota's got a fairly good nose for seeing a good deal," said Jeremy Tonkin, an auto analyst at Towa Securities Co. 'They've got the cash but if they can find cheap sources of financing, they might as well

Toyota is expanding factories in the United States, Canada and Europe as it aims for 10 percent of the world's auto market by 2005, up from about 9.6 percent now. At the same time, it is battling other automakers to develop vehicles that pollute less as governments around the world move to enact stricter environmental standards.

The 100 billion yen in new 10-year bonds have a coupon of 2.3 percent, 63 basis points more than the yield on the No. 203 government bonds, due on June 20, 2008. The five-year bonds have a coupon of 1.4

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Very briefly:

 Kay Hian Holdings Ltd., a Singapore-based stock brokerage, is merging its two classes of shares to reduce restrictions for foreign investors. Foreign shareholders will now be able to own up to 70 percent of the company's shares, up from a previous limit of 49 percent.

San Miguel Corp.'s new chairman, Eduardo Cojuangco, promised to cut debts, sell unprofitable assets and make alliances with other companies to restore growth at the Philippines' largest brewer and food manufacturer. He said the assets to be sold may include international operations.

• Fidelity Investments Japan, the Japanese unit of the world's largest fund manager, reached \$1 billion in assets at the end of June from the sales of mutual funds.

 Kao Corp., Japan's largest maker of household and personal-care products, said it would buy Ricoh Co.'s majority share of their unprofitable joint venture in Spain to make recordable compact disks used in computers.

• GEC-Marconi Systems, a subsidiary of the power, electronics and defense manufacturer General Electric Co. of Britain expressed an interest in acquiring state-owned Australian Defence Industries Ltd.

 Hong Kong Telecommunications Ltd. cut its international integrated services digital network tariffs by as much as 55 percent to high traffic volume countries such as the United States, Britain, Japan and Australia starting July 1.

BOURSE: Paris Sees EU Edge

Continued from Page 13 national debt markets once Paris has halved its fees in

still going down. Bigger cient, well developed repo volume trades are subject to market, while as the first cheaper fees, and - like call- country in the future euro ing home - trading in Paris zone to have authorized stripcosts less at off-peak hours like lunch time. Paris's NSC technology has found takers abroad like Brussels, Toronto, Sao Paolo, Lisbon and Warsaw and its derivatives version will drive a second Treasury debt from France version of the Globex system and other euro-zone issuers,

options exchange merged with its MONEP stock derivatives counterpart late last year. Both were brought under the overall supervision of

Both MATIF and MONEP now operate full electronic percent economic growth this year, trading. Both have been revamping products to prepare for the euro's launch in Janu-While economists hold mixed novation will put its lic offerings in the first half of views on whether the target will be government debt at least on a 1998 compared to 68 for the par with German debt in the whole of 1997, including five

status in the euro zone.

the euro erases currency differences. She noted that the last six years and they are France already had an effiping of Treasury bonds, it now had a strip market eight. times the size of Germany's.

MATIF, meanwhile, has launched a euro "all-sover-eign" bond future, covering in a venture with the Chicago and plans to encroach on Lon-

But while the French bond market has been traditionally seen as Paris's best hope under the euro, a recent boom on the stock market has brought it out from the shadows of its

bigger partner. After climbing steadily in 1997, stock market activity exploded in the first six months of 1998, with average

It registered 71 initial pubbattle for the benchmark bond foreign companies.

Among its star performers According to the deputy has been the Nouveau Marche Treasury director, Anne Le for fast-growth young compa-Lorier, "technical character- nies. Notably, it plans to make istics will be decisive" in lur-ing investors, seeking to di-versify their holdings, to market-sensitive infor-mation in English.

Matsushita Joins Forces With Microsoft

crosoft Corp. said Wednesday they had agreed to work together to develop digital audiovisual products. Under the agreement, Matsushita

Electric, the world's largest maker of consumer electronics, will cooperate with Microsoft to ensure that personal computers will be able to receive and display digital tele-grion broadcast signals, the compa-nics said.

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already an entrenched part of family life,

said. "Three years from now we need to

be in 10 million homes."

That is a tall order, given that the industry has sold only 578,604 DVD

players in the last 15 months, according to the Consumer Electronics Manufac-

prers Association. Initial industry pro-jections were that 800,000 DVD players

DVD originally stood for digital vide-

odisk. But that name was abandoned

when the designers realized that the

disks could be used for computer files

and audio recordings, too, offering sev-

en times the storage capacity of CD-

Now the format is simply known as DVD. Though DVDs offer high-reso-

lution pictures and digital surround-

sound, the format faces its own daunting

challenge: Most Americans still know

Software Dealers Association, which

backs the format, found that 62 percent

those surveyed in May had never

and of DVD. The study did find some

improvement; in a similar survey a year

ago, the number was 81 percent. In the

were at least 18 and owned a VCR.

A study commissioned by the Video

would be sold in the first year.

ROMs or music CDs.

nothing about it.

"I think we have three years," he

OSAKA, Japan — Matsushita that viewers can watch digitally Electric Industrial Co. and Mi-broadcast programs on analog televisions.

Mindanao for raising hopes with-

There are a lot of talks and

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television sets.

ssociation

terminals, which the companies hope will go on sale in Japan at the end of 1998. The terminals will let TV viewers read electronic mail and see Internet home pages on their

use Microsoft's Windows CE op- cities that are capable of storing full-The companies also will work erating system in future audiovisual length films as well as computer together to develop set-top boxes to products. Windows CE is a scaled-data

DVD: Digital Video Formats Fight for Supremacy in U.S. Homes

But Mr. Eves, Mr. Lieberfarb and

many others say they worry that Divx (pronounced DIV-ix) may stand in the

way of further progress.

Divx, a technology backed by the Circuit City chain of electronics stores and a Los Angeles law firm, originally stood

for digital video express. But like DVD,

the acronym has become the name.

Divx disks are DVDs with coding that

allows them to be played only on a pay-

per-view basis and only in special play-

ers. Zenith Corp. is making the first

player, which accommodates both Divx

disks and regular DVDs and sells for

\$499 — a little more than the lowest-

But if a viewer plays the Divx disk after an initial two-day viewing period, the owner will be charged about \$3. The

accounting is done by the Divx central

computer, which is connected to the

Divx player by a phone line. When Circuit City announced the Di-

Each Divx disk costs \$4.49, compared

priced DVD players.

with about \$25 for a DVD.

decode cable television signals, so down version of the Windows ophandheld PCs.

The first product to result from the cooperation will be "WebTV"

erating system designed for use with

On July 1, Microsoft and Hitachi Ltd. agreed to jointly develop consumer products to run on Windows Last month, Toshiba Corp. and

DVDs are enhanced compact

"Generally, I think it shows that we are seeing an uptick in consumer awareness," said Jeffrey Eves, president of the pecially because Warner Bros. and a few

Matsushita Electric has agreed to disks with superior storage capa-

the success of DVD.

Devaluation Is Not Option, China Prime Minister Warns Reviers SHANGHAI — Prime Minister hu Rongji of China, in a move to effect pressure from struggling ex-

deflect pressure from struggling ex- efit the whole country. porters, has warned that a currency devaluation would not cure the country's economic ills.

Mr. Zhu said during a recent gathexing of academics in Beijing that instead of trying to lift exports through devaluation, China should move to strengthen domestic demand, which makes up the bulk of the weakening economy, participants at the meeting said Wednesday.

Mr. Zhu, the top economic

strategist in the government, warned that although countries such as South Korea had seen steep falls in their currencies, there had not been rises in exports. He suggested that much the same would be in store for China if it chose a similar course.

Mr. Zhu and President Jiang Microsoft agreed to work to ensure the compatibility of DVD products with Windows 98.

Zemin have pledged not to devalue that China's focus should be the yuan despite pressure from exsumulating domestic demand.

Shawn Xu, economist at M. itiveness because of the Asian crisis.

"Zhu is trying to deflect pressure from exporters who are feeling the effects" of the Asian crisis, said Shen Haihua of Shanghai Colub Consultural valuation is not a good solution."

China's exports slid 1.5 percent in May from a year earlier. June fig-ures, due soon, could show a slight improvement, but exports are likely to remain under pressure for most of this year, largely because of the the SBF, giving Paris a single sharp depreciation of currencies market for all products. around Asia, economists said. Mr. Zhu has set a target of 8

but the expansion in the first half has failed to match that level. Beijing has said it will speed up spending on ary 1999. In a country where infrastructure projects to prod the even high schoolchildren economy, and Mr. Zhu told his audi-have to master advanced callion), more than five times the ence that he was confident that culus, French officials belevels of the early 1990s.

China could meet its growth target. lieve France's talent for inWhile economists hold mixed novation will put its lic offerings in the first half

achieved, many agree with Mr. Zhu that China's focus should be on Shawn Xu, economist at Merrill Lynch in Hong Kong, noted that

exports make up only about 20 per-

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papers in both places. Warner Home Video countered with a 21 Rachmaninoff program to encourage video stores in those two cities and in three others to 22 Honor best rent DVDs and DVD players. The by Eliz. Yankelovich survey showed that most 23 Last of a Latin people wanted to be able to rent DVDs to just as they do videotapes. But video dealers have been slow to stock the disks

other studios, including Columbia Tri-

Star, have refused to issue movies in the

Divx format, fearing it would undermine

But on June 7, Divx disks and players went on sale in 45 Circuit City and Good Guys stores in Richmond and San Fran-

cisco. Circuit City also began adver-

tising Divx on television and in news-

Both the Divx and Warner sales programs are so new that neither company is ready to release results, though Richard Sharp, chief executive of Circuit City Stores Inc., dismissively said: "We've been in some of their stores, and they are offering only about 40 titles" for rent.

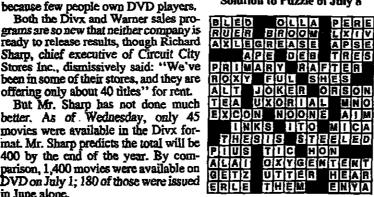
When Circuit City announced the Di-vx concept last fall, it was greeted with better. As of Wednesday, only 45 howls of vitriol from DVD supporters movies were available in the Divx forwho complained that the new format mat. Mr. Sharp predicts the total will be would confuse consumers and threaten 400 by the end of the year. By comago, the number was 81 percent. In the larest survey, Yankelovich Parmers interviewed 1,938 people, all of whom the success of DVD. Mr. Lieberfarb was parison, 1,400 DVD on July 1.

The complaints were so loud that in June alone. parison, 1,400 movies were available on DVD on July 1; 180 of those were issued

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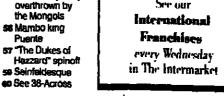
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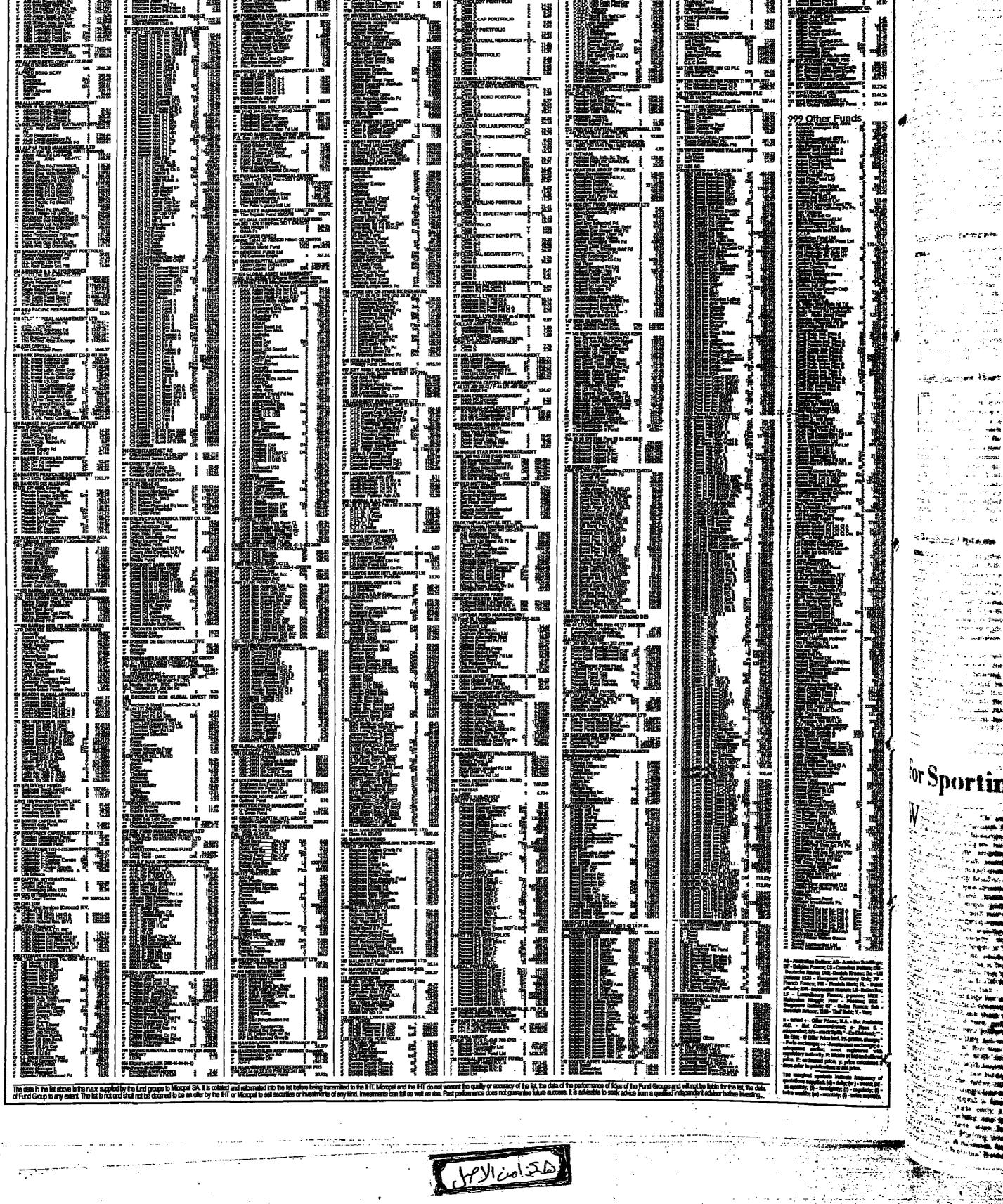
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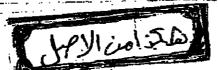
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WORLD ROUNDUP

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Nicklaus Bows Out

golf Jack Nicklans has pulled out of next week's British Open, ending his streak of consecutive majors at 154. He also said he would not play the PGA Cham-

pionship next month.

Nicklaus, winner of 18 majors
and 2 U.S. Amateur titles, has played in every major for which he has been eligible since the 1957 U.S. Open, when he missed the cut as a 17-year-old amateur. Even at age 58, he tied for sixth in this year's Masters and tied for 43d in the U.S. Open last month.

"After 42 years of playing major championship golf, I feel that my ability to compete at the highest level on a continuous basis is marginal at best," Nicklans said. "I feel this is the time to the highest level on a continuous basis is marginal at best," Nicklans said. "I feel this is the time to end my streak of consecutive majors, for which I have been eligible.

He said his left hip, which has bothered him over the years, seized up on him the day after the U.S. Open. "I didn't want to end the streak by having it said that Jack Nicklaus could no longer play the

game," he said. Nicklans has made the cut in 130 of the 154 majors in which he has played, including 10 of the last 12.

The next longest active majors streak is Nick Faldo's 44. But Faldo withdrew from the Loch Lomond Invitational in Scotland on Wednesday with an elbow injury, and is in danger of missing the British Open next week.

O'Donnell Joins Bengals

FOOTBALL Neil O'Donnell says he plans to focus his efforts on becoming the Cincinnati Bengals' starting quarterback, and that means competition with Jeff Blake. O'Donnell, who played for the New York Jets last season, signed a four-year, \$17 million contract with the Bengals on Tuesday. O'Donnell's agent, Leigh Steinberg, said that it included a signing bonus of \$3.8 million and a firstyear salary of \$1.5 million. (AP)

British High Jumper Hurt

ATHLETICS Britain's Steve Smith, the high jump broaze medalist at the 1996 Olympics. could be out of competition for a year after sustaining a serious neck injury in training. Smith, one of the favorites for this year's European Championships and Common-wealth Games, slipped while approaching the bar during a workout in Liverpool on Tuesday. His manager, Vicente Modahl, said: "It is a very serious injury where he pulled the ligaments in his neck. He's lucky not to have broken it." (AP)

Tyson Weighing Options

BOXING Mike Tyson is eligible to apply to the Nevada State Athletic Commission on Thursday for reinstatement of his boxing license, but the commission hasn't heard from him. Shelly Finkel, the boxing manager who is advising Tyson, said it would be two weeks before Tyson, the former heavyweight champion, petitions the commission to return his license.

And even after that, it will be two to three more weeks before the commission schedules a hearing. Finkel said that nothing would be submitted on Tyson's behalf this week. "We're going over all the options right now," Finkel said. He said he could not comment on the options.

Amid Barrage of 31 Hits in Denver, McGwire and Griffey Go Homerless

By Murray Chass

DENVER - In an All-Star Game that matched the offensive nature of the season and fit the park that was host to it, the American and National leagues produced the highest-scoring game in All-

The American League outlasted the National, 13-8, as the teams also combined for a record-tying 31 hits and played for 3 hours 38 minutes, the longest nine-inning game in the 69game run of the contest that brings together the best pitchers and hitters in the

According to an ages-old baseball maxim, good pitching is supposed to stop good hitting. But that notion was

ALL-STAR GAME

overmatched Tuesday night. It went up against the Coors Field maxim that says hen at Coors, hitters beat up pitchers, and that is the one that prevailed. "Coors Field will keep its reputation,

and so it should," said Dante Bichette, a member of the hometeam Colorado

A barrage of 31 hits might have been expected to generate more home runs and extra-base hits, but the teams rattled 26 singles around the generous park, breaking yet another record.

Despite the outbreak of hits, the tying run and the tie-breaking run, the one that gave the AL a lead (7-6) it never surrendered, were scored in the sixth imning without a hit driving them in. The first came on a passed ball by Javier Lopez, the second moments later on a wild

pitch by Ugueth Urbina.

Mark McGwire and Ken Griffey Jr., the leaders in the pursuit of Roger Maris's home run record, did not hit any home runs. Juan Gonzalez, who drove in 101 runs before the break, did not get a hit in four times at bat with a total of nine runners on base.

But Gouzalez did drive in a run with a bases-loaded sacrifice fly in the fourth inning. More significant was the AL run Rafael Palmeiro singled home in the ninth inning because that is the one that game, an American 11-9 victory at Cleveland in 1954.

Jason Kendall's pinch-hit single for the NL in the ninth was the hit that tied the record for combined hits, set in 1954 and tied in 1992.

Alex Rodriguez and Roberto Alomar slugged bases empty home runs for the American League and Barry Bonds whacked an impressive three-run blast for the National

Alomar, before his seventh-inning home run, stroked two singles and wound up as the game's most valuable player. Last year his brother Sandy was named MVP after hitting a game-winning home run.

Yet another Latin American player, one of a record 20 chosen for the game, was the winning pitcher. That was Bar-tolo Colon of Cleveland, who was the AL pitcher in the game when the team scored three runs in the sixth and snatched an 8-6 lead.

But as Mike Hargrove, Colon's manager during the season and in this game, noted, "He had to give up a three-run

home run to get the win."

He referred to the Bonds blast in the fifth inning, a three-run shot that hit the San Francisco Giants sign on the facade of the third tier of right field stands and catapulted the Nationals into a 6-5 lead.

If the 51,267 fans, largest ever to watch a game at routinely sold-out Coors, were disappointed that McGwire, the major league leader with 37, did not hit a home run, he said he was not. McGwire said, "I can't do it every day at bat, can't do it every week."

McGwire grounded out and struck out in his first two at-bats, then walked just ahead of the home run by Bonds. But the new NL lead did not last long. Only until the next inning, in fact.

And what an ugly inning it was. Alomar and Ken Griffey Jr. started prob-lems for Urbina, Montreal's closer, by beating the ball into the ground and getting cheap singles. Alomar's caromed off Craig Biggio's glove near second, and Griffey's barely went bevond the mound.

Urbina struck out Gonzalez, but after the runners executed a double steal, he walked Jim Thome, loading the bases.



The AL's Roberto Alomar, slugging a homer, was voted the game's mvp.

lanta lost control of an Urbina pitch, and Alomar scored the game-tying run on the passed ball, the other runners also advancing a base each. Doug Jeter struck out on the next pitch, but Urbina's second pitch to Ivan Rodriguez was wild, and Griffey scored the tie-breaking run.

Rodriguez then singled for his third hit of the game and became the first catcher in All-Star history to get three hits. Thome scored the third run of the inning on the hit, giving the AL an 8-6 lead.

Alomar made that score 9-6, slugging a two-out home run against Trevor Hoffman of San Diego in the seventh. Sandy Alomar Jr. singled home a run in

the eighth, raising the lead to 10-6. The Nationals threatened to disturb the AL lead in their half of the eighth when Greg Vaughn lined a two-run pinch-hit single to left field and Devon White followed with another line single to left. But when Fernando Vina tried to score from second base, Paul O'Neill threw him out, firing a perfect throw to Sandy Alomar Jr., who tagged Vina on the left knee as he slid home.

Tom Gordon then induced the dangerous Andres Galarraga to ground into an inning-ending double play. The Americans then added three runs to their advantage in the ninth inning.

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Greg Maddux performing a feat to remember against the AL All-Stars.

Maddux Does His Hubbell Imitation

By Thomas Boswell Washington Post Service

DENVER - In the 1934 All-Star Game, Carl Hubbell struck out Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Jimmie Foxx, Al Simmons and Joe Cronin in a row. Ever

dard for de-fanging mighty sluggers.
In the 1998 All-Star Game on Tuesday night, Greg Maddux gave us his modern variation on the Hubbell theme. The best pitcher of the 1990s faced Ken Griffey Jr., Juan Gonzalez, Jim Thome and Alex Rodriguez in the first inning with - in order - men on first and third, first and third, second and third and, finally, the bases loaded.

Nobody scored. Dugouts will buzz about this one a long time, too.

Consider Maddux's predicament. Griffey is on pace to hit 64 homers. Gonzalez may break Hack Wilson's record of 190 RBIs. Rodriguez is on track to be the first shortstop to hit 50 homers. And stat freaks think Thome is having the best all-around year of any of them.

King Carl, eat your heart out. The bases were empty and the Polo Grounds center field fence was nearly 500 feet away when you pulled your strikeout

quinella. Maddux was in Coors Field the worst park for pitchers in history, where curves barely break in the high altitude but fly balls carry for days. Even the umpire, Ed Montague, was squeez-

ing the plate all night. Gonzalez got his bat sawed in half and dribbled back to Maddux. Thome prob-ably took a full-count third strike, but was given a walk to load the bases. Rodriguez

struck out, looking, on three pitches.

Perhaps, in light of everything he has accomplished, especially in the last 6½ supreme seasons, Maddux has proved that he - rather than any fabulous slugger in this Year of the Home Run - is the most remarkable and historically important player in baseball.

In an era where it is commonplace to say almost nobody can pitch, Maddux has shown he can hurl as well as anybody who ever lived. Relative to his era, nobody has surpassed his peers by a larger margin than Maddux, whose 1.54 ERA is 0.92 lower than that of any other All-Star starting pitcher. Since 1992, Maddux's ERA has been 2.09 - the lowest mark for such a long span since World War II.

Let us summarize his main ideas. First, he doubts hitters can actually pick up the spin on pitches in time to react. Maddux believes they are helpless to tell one pitch from another, especially if the pitch's break is late and small, rather So, what happened? With men at the than early and big. So, all his pitches glamorous ones.

Next, he believes the human eye can not make precise judgments about the speed of moving objects. So, as long as all his pitches come from exactly the same delivery, Maddux assumes that, when he changes speeds on a hitter, the batter is, once again, essentially belpless.

Finally, Maddux says that he imagines his pitches are like "a stream of milk flowing toward the plate." Almost every pitch should look inviting to hit flowing toward the center of the plate. Then, at the last instant, the ball should sink, cut or curve to a corner. Or, better, just off the corner. So, every pitch looks perfect, but isn't. Or looks awful, but is actually a strike on the corner.

Remember as the rest of the season unfolds: It is possible, and becoming more probable with each amazing season of legerdemain, that there has never really been anybody like Greg Maddux.

SCOREBOARD

For Sporting Glitz, Watch the Women

TASHINGTON - On and on they went, 20-year-olds Se Ri Pak and Jenny Chuasiripom, a matched set of golf prodigies moving from hole to hole in the lengthening Wisconsin afternoon. Both sumbled, but neither fell, neither cracked under the dizzying strain of playing head-to-head

for the U.S. Women's Open crown.

Throughout the United States, in workplaces like mine, people gathered Monday to watch on TV and marvel at the composure and competitiveness of these young women. They watched the amateur Chuasiriporn steady herself after a near-disaster triple bogey at No. 6 gouged her lead from four strokes to one. They watched the pro Pak at No. 18, her ball on the bank and her feet in the water, take a swing in which 100 things can happen — 95 of them bad — and scramble to a bogey that kept her afloat. They watched with hushed reverence. Normally, you would not think twice

about seeing a bunch of men gathered near a TV set to watch two golfers in a playoff. But the golfers they are watching are usually men - so this was new. The match ended not with an embarrassing collapse, but with majesty with Pak rolling in an 18-foot birdie putt on the 20th hole of the nerve-racking afternoon. And the thrilling close of this golf championship capped a four-day run of women in sports only a fool would ignore. Everywhere one turned over the weekend, there were female athletes on television. Playing tennis at Wimbledon, golf in Wisconsin, basketball in the Women's National Basketball

Vantage Point/ Tony KORNHEISER

Association. Sport for women is exploding. Women's tennis has been around a long time, but it is preeminent now. Men's tennis is in the doldrums. Right now it is the women who have all the glitz. There are charismatic teen-agers, such as Martina Hingis, Venus and Serena Williams, and Anna Komnikova—and in Monica Seles and Steffi Graf you have popular veterans trying to make comebacks. (And that does not even mention Jana Novotna, who won Wimbledon).

Women's golf has benefited from an influx of fresh-faced foreign players, such as the Swedes Annika Sorenstam, Helen Alfredsson and Liselotte Neumann, and South Korea's sensational

Women's baskefball is going through the roof. WNBA games are being carried by three TV networks: NBC, Lifetime and ESPN. That is NFL level. The attendance at WNBA games is a miracle. I don't care if all the tickets are being given away - and everyone insists they are not — getting 20,000 people actually to travel to an arena, and use the tickets to see women's basketball is amazing. As recently as five years ago that would have been unthinkable.

My 15-year-old daughter is a perfect example of the explosion in sports for women. At the moment she is attending a softball camp — a taste she acquired after watching the U.S. Olympic softball team on TV during the Atlanta Games. When I was her age, there was no such often asked by women is: When will the pens — it is getting equal

thing as a sports specialty camp for girls. Now there are camps devoted to sweaty sports such as lacrosse, soccer and soft-

ball to go along with the more civil skating and riding camps for girls.

My eyes were opened at the Mystics home opener in Washington. My daughter had little desire to go see the Washington Wizards NBA team play, and I basically had to drag her to see the Mystics. A couple of hours later she was mesmerized; she said she never had so much fun at any game before. Something happened to women and girls there that night I do not pretend to understand, but it was breathtaking.

Some of it, I am sure, had to do with the lower ticket prices that allowed people who can not afford tickets to the Capitals or the Wizards to watch pro sports in the chic MCI Center.

Some of it reflected the growing popularity of basketball among women. And some of it, I hope, reflects the disgust that men and women alike have for the NBA millionaires who treat the game and the fans with such obvious contempt. The WNBA players have none of that. They appear genuinely joyful.

I take sports for granted. All men do. We grow up with it. It is our native land. But only recently have women had that same opportunity. And when they see women playing on this level, with every seat full and thousands cheering, they are profoundly affected.



John Haves/The Associate The Charlotte Stings and Los Angeles Sparks battling it out. WNBA crowds are skyrocketing.

sports be equal to the coverage of men's sports? I can assure you that is not just a function of getting equal One question male sportswriters are space, if and when that hap-

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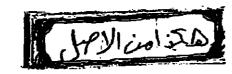
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World Cup Briefs

Sydney Seeks Cup

Australian soccer authorities made a formal application on Wednesday to play host for the World Cup in 2006 or 2010.

FIFA, the world soccer body, said in Paris it had received the application from Soccer Australia. England, Germany and South Africa have put in bids to stage the World Cup in 2006.

Australian authorities originally said that they would apply for the 2010 tournament, but said last month that European hooliganism could prompt them to apply for the 2006 competition instead.

A FIFA spokesman in Paris said the bidding process for the 2006 cup had not yet begun, so Australia had applied for both. (Rewers)

Players on the Move

Yugoslavia's World Cup midfielder, Vladimir Jugovic, will be an Atletico Madrid player next week, the club director-general, Miguel Angel Gil, said Wednesday.
Jugovic, 29, moved last year to Italian club Lazio after three years

with Juventus. Atletico have been chasing his signature for six weeks, and protracted negotiations went on with the player and his representatives during the World Cup in France where Jugovic played in all four of Yugoslavia's matches.

Details of the transfer have not been confirmed, but Spanish newspapers have suggested that Jugovic has signed a four-year contract and that the transfer fee is in the region of 1,500 million pesetas (\$9.7 mil-

• The Portuguese champion, Porto, said it had reached an agreement with the English club Aston Villa on Wednesday to bring the international defender Fernando Nelson back home. Nelson, 27, who joined Aston Villa from Sporting Lisbon two years ago, signed for five seasons with Porto. (Reuters)

The Official Wage

They won't get rich, but World Cup referees can bank a franc or two from their assignment in France this summer.
Referees are paid \$25,000 apiece

for their World Cup matches, while linesmen get \$20,000 apiece, FIFA said. The game officials also get \$200 daily for expenses and are given free housing.

Hoping to Cash In

A British bettor will become a half-millionaire if Brazil wins the World Cup, thanks to a bet a made almost a year ago.

Back in August, Adrian Fitzpatrick, a 41-year-old father of four from Birmingham, placed a £18,000 (\$30,000) bet with the bookmaker William Hill that Arsenal would win the English league and that Brazil would win the World Cup.

He got odds of 9-2 for that double to happen, and Arsenal duly obliged in May by winning the Premier League. Now Fitzpatrick stands to collect £544,000 (\$908,500) if Brazil wins at the Stade de France on Sunday.

It's happened to him before. Fitzpatrick won £395,000 pounds (\$660,000) when Brazil won the World Cup that year and Manchester United won the English League. (AP)



Patrick Kluivert of the Netherlands heading the equalizing goal, but Brazil triumphed in the penalty shoot-out.

Raising a Toast to the Goalscorers

PARIS — Goals make games, and goals make the gods of soccer. However much we dress up a contest, however much we may admire other players of creativity, of industry, or even those who strangle the flair of the gifted, this tournament has shown that without goals we are witnesses to

Raise a glass, then to Ronaldo and to Patrick Kluivert. Down in Marseille on Tuesday night, those were the guys who broke the unvielding sweat of the night. Ronaldo, just 21 and with us all on his back claiming he hasn't yet done justice to his ability during France '98, did it all at the start of the second half.

Rivaldo made the opening with an incisive pass almost from the center circle. But it was Ronaldo who read the invitation. Ronaldo whose pace found the gap in the orange shirts of the Dutch. His sprint embarrassed Phillip Cocu, normally a forward asked to play defense.

Cocu was half a yard too slow. That is more than enough for Ronaldo. The goalie was next. Edwin van der Sar Rob Hughes/Vantage Point

intimidate the forward, block out the light of the goal. No deal. Ronaldo was too quick, too sure, too accurate and almost with non-

chalance delivered his 30th goal in 40 games for Brazil. It was late, but never too late, when Wim Jonk asked the big Amsterdammer to try his luck one more time. Kluivert

boldly leaped to the cross and, bracing his neck muscles, met the ball with his forehead. It was the force of a hammer on an anvil, too hard and too fast for Taffarel in Brazil's goal. The rest you know. Another important soccer game taken to that wretched

apology for deciding a result among equals, the penalty shoot-out. It is a lottery which Taffarel had forecast. Brazil's veteran goalie had said he was ready for penalties, a statement which in itself tells us a decline in the state of Brazilian thinking.

Once Brazil would have pledged itself to outscore any opponent, now it knows how to advance on an opponent, was content to take victory any way it how to spread his impressive frame to comes — the same way that Brazil won

the 1994 World Cup. And so to Stade de France.

France boasted the first scorer of a World Cup goal, in the first World Cup 68 years ago, and also the most prolific marksman of any World Cup, 40 years ago. Each of those gentlemen, Lucien Laurent and Just Fontaine, is alive and well. Indeed, each was in Stade de France trying, as if by their very presence, to breath the ball into the Croatian net on Wednesday night.

Like the muskateers of French tennis, Laurent enjoys a remarkable longevity. He is 91, he still enjoys his game, still dresses in the Tricolor uniform of his country. He was a factory worker on an assembly line when, on July 13, 1930, he moved across a snow-covered pitch in Montevideo to score in the 12th minute against Mexico. There were a thousand witnesses; not a billion, to Laurent's historic strike in the Pocitos Stadium. "

By 1958, when Fontaine began accumulating his 13 goals in six World Cup matches in Sweden, we were perhaps halfway to the kind of pressures, tionalistic expectation which both burdens and enriches the goal gods of today. "In our day we had more time and space, and more freedom," Fontaine said the other day.

"Forwards today must work for the team, must play deeper to create and support. But these trainers, the coaches, are too cautious. They seldom choose two forwards, sometimes only one. So when you look at the opportunities I had and compare them to the French forwards today, its unfair on them."

Strange, but true. Yet when Ronaldo scored so swiftly and so strongly in Marseille, when Kluivert rose so majestically, I swear the defenders who Fontaine says outnumber them so oppressively did not think the odds had changed so drastically in their favor. They are paid to snuff out the chances, to bring down the goal gods. And every time they fail, we applaud.

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France's Other Match: Sports Daily vs. Coach

No Love Lost Between l'Equipe and Jacquet

By John Vinocur International Herald Tribune

PARIS - Way back when, before President Jacques Chirac announced he always wanted to be a goalkeeper, or before the stadium at Saint-Denis filled with suits who three weeks ago did not know Zinedine Zidane from Zeebrugge or ZZ Top, there was soccer in France.

With the country's eternally half-con-temptuous, half-envious take on success in sports, and its middling results to match, this left a place over the years where the only people to whom the sport mattered much were the fans, the coach, the players and l'Equipe. Now, in spite of this little moment when everybody has cared or faked caring, when France, win or lose, did not despise giving in to the warm irrationality of feeling good about itself, the national team coach still hates l'Equipe, the daily sports news-paper, and l'Equipe hates him.

For mutual contempt, this is seriously sour stuff. Even in a season with this one's feel-good factor — Prime Minister Lionel Josoin earlier in the week pronounced it O.K. for the French to lose to Croatia because he felt everyone had already fulfilled their contract — nothing has happened to soften the feud between Aime Jacquet and the newspaper that portrays him as if he were a jumped-up little gym teacher, learning big words from a correspondence course, and deadening the heart of the French team.

In its narrow band, l'Equipe is a special institution in France, something on the order of the National Meteorological Office, an information source so dominant in the French sports world that, almost unchallenged, it can label dark clouds patchy sunshine or fair weather persistent haze. L'Equipe stands both as observer and participant, commenting on events, but also literally owning the Tour de France cycling race through a company belonging to its group. Its reflexes are more to dispense doctrine than amuse, and the newspaper's critics say this goes with an attitude about all sports that sometimes runs to the proprietary or arrogant.

But l'Equipe is marvelously self-assured. At a time when the words soccer and patriotism were being jammed one on top of the other into many French sentences, and the association of the had the allure of a shotgun wedding, the newspaper's friends would insist l'Equipe had the self-confidence to identify the flag-wavers and stick to its critical line. It noted Mr. Jospin's sudden him as a former basketball player, worried about too many suits in too many seats at the Stade de France, and steered clear of comparing pleasure in France's excellent performance with some kind

of national communion or catharsis. The fact is that within the French soccer microcosm, l'Equipe is read with enormous trepidation. In its way, it has the power Women's Wear Daily once held over fashion buyers and designers, or Brooks Atkinson or Walter Kerr wielded as critics, making hits or closing shows, when Broadway theater was at its

About two years ago, after a sterile performance by the national side in the European nations' cup, l'Equipe began to make clear that it thought Aime Jacquet stank. Jacquet had chosen a darenot, postal savings account kind of foot-ball, cautious and defensive in excess, the opposite of everything that I'Equipe wanted French soccer to be: swashbackling, beautiful, ready to die (read lose) for le beau jeu. He had no room on his Euro

'96 team for Eric Cantona, the exiled wizard whom England welcomed as messiah, just as he would refuse a place on his World Cup squad to David Ginola.

still an exciting player at Tottenham.

But l'Equipe took the argument another turn and went at the man. It made clear it felt Jacquet, a painfully earnest former player from a working-class background, had neither the wit, imagination, or grace to lead France the year it was host to the World Cap. People who know him say this wounded Jacquet deeply. When silence and his victories could

have been his best defense, Jacquet reacted with excess. This week, he atacted with excess. I'ms week, he attacked "a certain press" as made up of "hoodlums, incompetent, dishonest, and irresponsible" people. L'Equipe flipped back a dart, applanding the exalting play of Brazil and Holland, and the competition itself, which it described as a wonderfully talented exercise — "with one little exception."

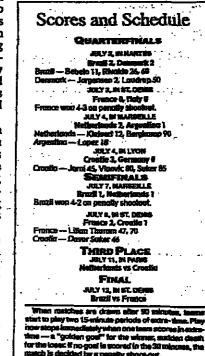
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In the end, while the French political world and the country's marketeers beat the drum of a defining national ex-perience that would propel the popperience that would propel the popularity ratings of its office-holders and sell cars or candy bars, the newspaper kept saying, slow down here, look at who we really are. After all, other papers reported, two-thirds of the Netherlands' population watched its erlands' population watched its quarterfinal match against Argentina; in France, with virtually everyone sup-posedly let off work, 12.1 million out of

posedly let off work, 12.1 minton out of population of 58 million tuned into France-Italy on state television.

On Wednesday, before France defeated Croatia, l'Equipe turned to science to try to reinforce its point. It found a sociologist to back up its contention that, rather than some kind of vast bond-ing, France had hardly gone delirious in following its team through matches in Marseille, Lens, and the Paris suburbs. Patrick Mignon, the sociologist presented as an expert on fan behavior, said.
"We'll never place all our national in terest in a football team like other coun-

Why? Mr. Mignon offered an answer after the newspaper's heart. France was in a period of uncertainty about its style of play, he said, "And that resulted in the debate about Jacquet. In order for people to be involved, you've got to be able to say, this is our style. The problem with this team is that it doesn't really



Walk of

CUP: France Defeats Croatia by 2-1 and Goes Through to the Final for the First Time

Ronaldo of Brazil watching the ball roll past the Netherlands goalpost.

Continued from Page 1

in this semifinal in the 70th minute when its Thuram scored his second goal of the evening on a beautifully struck left-footed shot into the lower left corner of the Croatian goal. Thuram had helped create that emotional moment by dribbling down the right wing, passing to a teammate, Thierry Henry, who put the ball back in his direction.

Thuram won a battle for the ball with a Croatian defender, Robert Jarni, and calmly slammed the ball home as if scoring from relatively long range was what he did for a living.

It is not. Thuram is one of the world's finest defenders. He was voted the best foreign player in the Italian first division in 1997 — no small feat — but in 37 previous appearances for France, he had never scored a goal.

The Stade de France was not buoyant or supportive enough for some of the French players' liking during their quarterfinal match against Italy. But then a scoreless draw is not necessarily con-

ducive to generating enormous passion. Despite banners pleading the French crowd to "Wake Up," the first half would give them little reason to increase the volume. There would be rare threats and even rarer thrills, but the game would immediately take on a very different character in the opening minute

That was all it took for Aljosa Asanovic, a player who never shined when he played club soccer in France, to strike a well-timed left-footed pass in the direction of the striker Davor Suker, who had two steps on an unusually confused French defense. The left fullback, Bixente Lizarazu, gave chase, but Suker is not the sort to squander an excellent chance, and after controlling the pass with his left foot, he drove it past the

of the second half.

fast-closing Barthez with his left in-Suker had his fifth goal of the World Cup, tying him with Christian Vieri of Italy and Gabriel Batistuta of Argentina for the lead. More important, he had just become the first man to score against

France without taking a penalty kick.
Suker, the 30-year-old who was only a well-paid substitute for Real Madrid last would prove industrious in the Croatian half in the early going, the pace of the game would soon slow. season, celebrated with his teammates, but their celebration would prove remarkably brief.

In the very next minute, Thuram stole the ball from the Croatian captain, Zvonimir Boban, from behind in the Croatian half. He passed quickly to Youri Djorkaeff, who touched it back to Thuram with his right foot. Thuram then shot and scored with his right foot.

Suddenly, the French fans in the crowd of 80,000 were no longer being outshouted by the block of Croatian fans clad in their small nation's trademark red and white checks.

France started the game with the same configuration it used against the Italians in the quarterfinals and in the last European championships in 1996: essentially a 4-3-1-2 with three defen-sive midfielders: Christian Karembeu, Emmanuel Petit and Didier Deschamps. Pure entertainment is not the goal of this effective system, and though the French

Zidane, the player that France de-pends on to create, tried to become a goalscorer instead of playmaker in the opening minutes, but he was too hesitant to fire a shot in the second and too ineffective one minute later when Stephane Guivarc'h backheeled a ball to him that left him with a clear shot on goal from 18 yards. The French No. 10 hooked the ball meekly at Croatian

goalkeeper Drazen Ladic.

But if the French would prove ineffective once again in front of the Croatian goal, the Croats were losing the struggle in midfield. They did not start to penetrate more consistently until Karembeu, suffering from what ap-peared to be an injury to his left leg, was replaced by Thierry Henry in the 29th minute. There would be quick passes from Zvonimir Boban to Dario Simic to Aliosa Asanovic that left Asanovic with a chance to fire a shot from close range

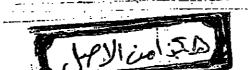


Marcel Desailly of France giving Lilian Thuram a hug for scoring.

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Why Soccer Encapsulates the Life and Soul of a Whole Nation

By Diana Jean Schemo New York Tunes Service

RIODE JANEIRO - Surrounded on a beach by 10,000 Brazilians as obsessed and captive to soccer as she was, Daniele Fernandes Monteiro, a 23-yearold saleswoman, exhorted the painted, flag-draped fans to form a human chain and beam luck to the national soccer team playing in Marseille.

"Let's send them strength!" she shouted over the fans staring at the big television screen on the beach.

When the Netherlands scored its only goal 42 minutes into the second half, tying the game at 1-1, Maria de Lourdes Carvalho, a 68-year-old grandmother, threw her hands over her face and wept. "I felt the world collapse at my feet,"

Most of the rest of her family had traveled to France to watch to the

Brazilian team attempt to win its fifth World Cup. Her sister, Maria Victoria de Carvalho, clasped her hand. "It's like the end of the world," the older de Carvalho said

As the game went into sudden death, Monteiro formed a tight circle with her friends, one of them already red-eyed and disconsolate, to pray for victory, which came, excruciatingly, after Brazil scored on 4 penalty kicks to the Nethexlands' 2.

No matter how victory came, Brazil was awash in celebration Tuesday night, with tens of thousands turning out for parties that would last until dawn. triggering an instant, spontaneous Car-nival in the middle of the Southern Hemisphere's winter.

"It's not fanaticism; it's patriotism from the heart," said Maria Vasconcelos, a 39-year-old psychologist who showed up dripping from a swim to

watch the game. Roberto da Matta, an anthropology professor at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend. Indiana, sees the country's love affair with soccer as a drama in which the cultural qualities that define Brazil -the inventiveness, energy, optimism. the mixture of the races and utter lack of orthodoxy -- compete and, increasingly, win.
"It gives the Brazilian people an ex-

perience of victory that we know very little about," he said.

"It provides us with this incredible view of the possibilities of the body," he added. "Here we have the body encompassing the soul and bringing the soul back, reborn. Victory is public, it's not a secret, so this experience of victory, this collective orgasm, is amaz-

Indeed, from the smallest towns like Tatajuba in northeastern Brazil, where residents gather in the main square to watch the town's only television set, to the bars where fans forget to order beer and chips, to this enormous beach gathering in Niteroi, across the bridge from Rio, all of Brazil has been riveted by the country's quest for another title.

Green and yellow streamers flutter over streets, while the Brazilian flag whose main feature is a globe that, these days, looks much like a soccer ball cascades over entire apartment build-

All the major Brazilian dailies have sent not only their sports columnists to report on the games, but also their gossip writers and political analysts. Nel-son Rodrigues, the late Brazilian journalist, once wrote that all Brazilians feel a stake in the game because it represents the nation in soccer shoes.

Into the early hours of Wednesday, that nation was dancing.

■ Gloom Over the Netherlands

For a month, the Dutch painted the town orange. But overnight, the national mood faded to black, and a hangover has swallowed up the high, The Associated Press reported from Amsterdam.

With the World Cup hopes of its dream team suddenly dashed, the Netherlands awoke Wednesday gruff and groggy, doing what it could to piece together some pride after losing to Brazil in a nail-biting semifinal.

Barkeeps swept up orange confetti and peeled beer-soaked orange cocktail napkins from sidewalks, contemplating how a tiny twist of events might have taken Holland to the final for the first time in 20 years.

The Dutch have to settle for the thirdplace match Saturday "Silence. A Fog Hangs Over the Liv-ing Room," read a front-page headline in the daily De Volkskrant.

Instead, the Dutch are down and out.

"It will take me years to recover," muttered Remco Zannis, an Amsterdammer aimlessly wandering the streets of the Dutch capital after the match.

To call the Dutch soccer-crazy does not even come close to reality. This is a nation obsessed, and the grace and power of the Orangemen as they steadily advanced toward the Holy Grail had captured the country's imagination.

From the beer-bellied port workers of Rotterdam to the ruddy-faced farmers in Friesland, more than 11 million Dutch tuned in to watch the semifinal.

Orange, the national color, was everywhere. In the southern city of Tilburg, one farmer even painted the cows in his field orange. That party atmosphere has gone, and the drinking songs have stopped, now that the Cup has slipped from Holland's hands.

IT LOOKS LIKE BLUE SKY TO ME ..! KNOW

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Clearing Up...I can

Shoot-Out: Cruelest 5 Seconds in Soccer Finally, England has developed a sense of humor about these things after crushing penalty defeats to Germany in the 1990 World Cup and 1996 European championships. In fact, a pizza company has already given Batty a spot in a commercial, the same pizza company that in 1996 teamed England's three most infamous penalty victims — Gareth Southgate (Euro '96), Stuart Pearce and Chris Waddle (Italy '90) —

Brazil's goalkeeper, Claudio Taffarel, diving to stop Ronald de Boer's penalty kick and give his team victory.

in a memorable, good-natured TV ad.

As for De Boer, it could go either way. He will be helped, no doubt, by the sober acknowledgment that: • He was not the only Dutchman to

miss Tuesday night against Brazil (Philip Cocu faltered before him). He played splendidly before that, delivering a perfect cross that Patrick

If the shooters dread shoot-outs, the keepers detest them.

Kluivert headed home for Holland's only goal.

 Really, who can ever expect to beat Brazil in a penalty shoot-out? Leading off for Brazil was merely the best striker of the ball in the world, Ronaldo, fol-lowed by Rivaldo, who replaced Ron-aldo at PC Barcelona last season as that club's go-to man when Ronaldo transferred to Inter Milan.

Next was Emerson, who has this science down to an art, and Dunga, the Brazil captain, who also banged in the penalty kick that decided the shoot-out that decided the 1994 World Cup.

On deck, but not needed Tuesday, was Roberto Carlos, whose right thigh alone weighs more than Bebeto and whose dead-ball delivery is the most feared in the game. Carlos once hit a free kick so hard - against France in a pre-Cup test run — that the ball sent ballboys and photographers scrambling for cover before it swerved, like a bobsled at Magic Mountain, into the upper

corner of the webbing.

If Carlos had lined one up on the 12yard spot, the only question to be answered would be: Would Dutch goalie Edwin van der Sar risk a healthy body part trying to interrupt it? Carlos was not required because Taffarel, the much-maligned Brazil goalie, went two for four against the Dutch penalty team.

Diving to his left, Taffarel blocked Cocu. Diving to his right, he denied De Boer. That is a .500 save percentage about .400 higher than what is expected from the keeper in these thankless duels under the floodlights.

After De Boer's final try bounded off Taffarel's gloved palms, that was not a look of joy on Taffarel's face. That was sheer relief, nothing but — not as much for having outlasted Van der Sar as for not having to face another penalty

At least until Sunday's championship

Because if the shooters dread shootouts, the keepers detest them. For them, it is a guessing game, nothing more. And even if you guess right, then you have to hurl yourself at one metal post or the other in blind hope of getting a wrist, an elbow or a knuckle on a leather missile launched from a mere 36 feet

away.
That is why they call it "the penalty

Because it penalizes the shooters, the keepers, the coaches, the fans in the stands and halfway around the globe. Each of them, without exception, deserves a better way.



A happy Taffarel after saving two of the four penalty shots he faced.



Brazilian fans in Rio de Janeiro erupting in happiness after the game.

Sports Marketing Firm Steps In To Sort Out Cup Ticket Scandal

PARIS - The marketing consultant for FIFA, world soccer's goveming body, said Wednesday that it would take control of a French sub-

sidiary involved in a World Cup ticket

ISL Worldwide of Switzerland will buy out the remaining 51 percent of international firm.

Kirton said the action was a direct response to the scandal, in which three people, including the president of ISL France, were arrested in connection with alleged ticket fraud. The World Cup organizing committee has also filed a formal complaint with prosecutors against the French branch

ISL Worldwide, which has handled international marketing for FIFA since 1982, contends it was victimized by a consultant who fraudulently sold thousands of tickets to which he had no access.

Taking direct control of ISL France was the fastest way to limit damage to to FIFA's 12 worldwide sponsors as the international firm's reputation and part of their contracts.

DENNIS THE MENACE

make sure that both companies shared more than just a name, Kirton said. "We allowed ISL France to use the ISL title totally because of the World Cup," Kirton said. "We have looked closely at the workings of the company and there is no doubt in our inds that the business is legitimate.

"We now move to take full re-ISL. Marketing France and assume sponsibility of the management of the day-to-day management of the Parisbased company, according to Glen Kirton, senior vice president of the giumate business concerns to make sure the goals of ISL Worldwide are reflected in the management of the

ISL is one of the pioneers of international sports marketing with a reputation for high-quality programs. It just signed a new contract to contique as FIFA's marketing pipeline

through the 2006 World Cup. The case involving ISL Fran one of a several ticket scandals to hit the tournament.

ISL Worldwide has never been linked to any of the ticket problems and has repeatedly stressed that it was not involved in ticket distribution except for the 180,000 tickets that went

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THE GAME'S VBUT IT'S

CALVIN AND HOBBES









By Mike Penner

Los Angeles Times Service

MARSEILLE — It is called "the penalty shoot-out," rather clinically, rather dispassionately, because Utter

Living Hell of Everyone Involved was a

So far, it has ended the World Cups of a veritable Who's Who of international soccer — England, Italy and Holland —

and raked a few good men over the coals

of worldwide scrutiny, shame, ridicule, or if they're lucky, pity.

The casualty list continues to grow:

David Batty, Lnigi Di Biagio and now, Ronald de Boer. Three who missed from

12 yards with only a scant few billion

It is the cruelest five seconds soccer

has to offer. Head down, approach the

ball, try to strike accurately while the heart is turning bicycle kicks and then

listen for the cheers or the gasps before

It has ruined careers, if not lives, and

exhaling and opening your eyes again.

who knows what the long-term psy-

chological fallout will mean for the fu-

it there, shall we - shoot-out victims of

Biagio, who could not stop weeping

after his climactic penalty kick in the

quarterfinal shoot-out against France clanked off the crossbar. His career for

the Italian national team is still in its

infancy, provided it is allowed to pro-

Di Biagio was hardly the reason for Italy's onster — blame Coach Cesare

Maldim's Machiavellian defensive tac-

tics for that - but that was not how it

Batty, who misfired for England in

For one, he had never taken a penalty

the second round against Argentina, has

a better chance to get over it and get on

kick before as a professional but vo-

lunteered to step up for the first time in the World Cup. Thus, the prevailing view across the Channel is Batty the Brave, Batty the Lionhearted — if not

quite the Batty the Eagle-eyed.
For another, the David Beckham de-

bacle has shifted all blame for England's downfall away from anyone else

played in the Italian newspapers the day

France '98?

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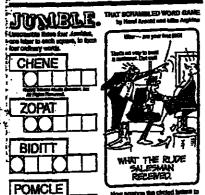
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One fears the most for Italy's Di

paying attention at the time.

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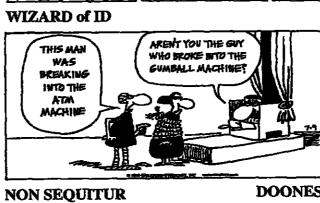












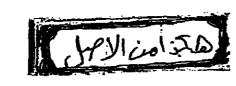












ART BUCHWALD

The Rent-a-Body Game

WASHINGTON —
Crass sports and crass
commercialism are getting

tighter and tighter. Most sporting events are now sponsored by corpora-tions. Football stadiums and baseball parks are named after airline and phone com-

Air MCI Arena; Center). Golf and tennis tournaments all have company ated with them. Beyond that,

sports promoters are now selling parts of their clients bodies to advertise someone's product.

I noticed this in a tennis open when several of the players were wearing patches promoting everything from insurance companies to

I didn't realize it was such a big business until I was in the office of a friend, Stephen Heller, who represents such famous golfers as Henry Belew and Bernie Sims.

With him was George head for the Masters.

Foster of BBD&Y, the advertising agency. He told Heller, "We'd like

to decorate a golfer in the U.S. Open."

Heller said, "I can give you Fred Ezra's hat. Your mes-

sage will glow in the dark." "We want something that will get attention on TV. What about the seat of his pants?"
Heller said, "That has already been spoken for by Jockey shorts. What do you

want to display on it?"
"The Breakfast of Cham-

pions."
"Why don't you buy his right shoulder?" How much is it?"

Eighty thousand dollars for the tournament." 'Are the wrists gone?' "Texaco bought the right one and Microsoft the left

'Would it be worth advertising on his golf shoes?" Foster asked.

"His left one is still avail-Foster signed a contract to

advertise his product on Ezra's stomach, with an option for a tattoo on his fore-

Descartes Letter Brings \$100,000

BERLIN — A letter by the 17th-century French philosopher Rene Descartes fetched 180,000 Deutsche marks (about \$100,000) at auction in Berlin. The three-page letter by Descartes, which was written to the

British philosopher Thomas Hobbes, was bought by an unnamed European who specializes in the sale of antique books, the J.A. Stargardt auction house said. In the letter, Descartes wrote about a theory of Hobbes's on the "material soul and the material God," and responded to criticism from Hobbes on his 1637 thesis "Dioptrique."

In total, 1,400 manuscripts, including letters, notes and speeches by such notables as Richard Wagner, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, Paul Cezanne and Maurice Ravel, as well as by historical figures such as Louis XIV and Charles de Gaulle, will go under the hammer during the current manuscript sale at the auction house.

Rwandan Dancers Make a Leap Toward Life

By Donald G. McNeil Jr.

New York Times Service

JOHANNESBURG — Celestin Minani was only 17 when he joined the National Ballet of Rwanda. His father and sisters danced with the troupe and his brothers were drummers, 'so I was pushed in that direction.

Being an artist did not protect him in 1994, though, Luck did. When the slaughter began, he was away at school. With most of his classmates, he hid in a church. Although churches were the scenes of some of the worst massacres during the 100 days of insanity that gripped Rwanda, the Hutu militias somebow overlooked his sanctuary until the town was captured by the invading Tutsi-led Rwandan Patriotic Front.

When he got home, he found the hacked corpses of brothers and cousins. His parents, he was told, had also been killed, but he never found them.

"Before the genocide, I never heard my father talk about tribes," Minani said. "When I asked why he was killed, the neighbors said, 'He was a Tutsi.'

As for himself, Minani said, 'I'm not Tutsi. I'm not Hutu. I'm Rwandese. That is the message of the Na-

tional Ballet, too, which has been touring southern Africa for two weeks in one of its rare appearances abroad. The ballet, founded in 1974, is slowly rising again after the genocide. Its corps was once 100 strong.

tumes, its drums, its performance videotapes were destroyed in the looting and pillage that accompanied the slaughter of 500,000 of the 8

million people in the country.

Part of the horror, said James Musoni, the youth director for the Ministry of Sports and Culture, who accompanies the troupe, is that its dancers even killed each other. with their spears, twirling them

"We arrested some," said Musoni, who was part of the exile army invading from Uganda. "They confessed. They said the government of the day was telling them to kill."

To say that Hurn were killing Tutsi is too simplistic. Hurn maddened by hate broadcasts killed Hurn who tried to talk reason. Tutsi pretending to be Hutu killed to keep their cover. Husbands killed wives. Pygmies — Rwanda's third tribe, the Twa — were killed for no reason. Intellectuals or professionals, from shopkeepers to judges, were killed whatever their tribe.

Now the ballet's members are trying to say: It was terrible. Don't

fall into our trap.

"We want to share the experiences of genocide with our fellow Africans," Musoni said, "so that it won't happen in any other place." They do not preach, and although choreographers from Zimbabwe to the Netherlands have composed pieces about genocide, they have not. They simply present them-selves, a mixed troupe of Hutu, Tut-si and Twa doing traditional works, as they have since 1974. The words of some songs have been modified to praise national reconciliation, but they are in Kinyarwanda, the local language, which doesn't travel.

Dance does, though, and it has a long history in Rwanda.

In the dance called the intore, young spear-carrying warriors dressed as lions fling their long white manes. The intore, danced to Now, after four years of recruiting and training, it is barely 50.

Though it has won medals at festivals in Israel, Spain and Congo, it is still weakened. Many of its best dancers are gone. Its cosslash at the audience with their fighting sticks, and end by slamming down their weapons, slapping their cowhide skirts into the air and flinging themselves backward on the ground.

Rwandan dancing, by contrast, is sinuous: Maned lions weaving with their upper bodies, feinting



Jean-Claude Shumbusho performing a Rwandan lion dance.

slowly, looking for an opening, all a drum for accompaniment — are the while stamping feet with bells not about reconciliation, they are on their ankles. Zulu dancers shout praising the country's rich green challenges and whistle shrilly hills, its volcanoes beside Lake challenges and whistle shrilly while they cavort; the Rwandans smile, but their eyes drift dreamily

around the room. The women's dances are even more sensuous. In this company, wearing leotards and long skirts tied at the waist, the women weave from the Tutsi on stage. their arms in ways surprisingly reminiscent of Bali. Their dances depict animals: The extended arms are the long horns of African cattle; the gauzy skirts held out from swaying hips are the flapping ears

Kiva, and its people.

To drive home his point about the foolishness of tribalism, Musoni asked a reporter who has

visited Rwanda, Burundi and eastern Congo if he could tell the Hutu Theoretically, that is easy. By stereorype, the tall, ruling-class father, I went to them. They were Tutsi came from Ethiopia and have afraid. I told them: 'It was not your

long, thin noses and lips, while Hutu come from West Africa and are short, flat-nosed and wide-

mouths, bend their arms and kick off their shoes. Anyone with black gums, a prominent elbow bone or a heel that did not curve would be

killed as a Tutsi. After centuries of intermarriage. this is all nonsense. Speaking after a performance, Minani called himself "a Tutsi with a Hutu nose" and

Leonia Uwimana, another dancer, said, "I look like Tutsi, but I am By tradition, you are what your father was. As in South Africa, the new government has dropped tribal classification from national iden-

tity cards. The two dancers sneered at the whole classification system, which colonialism reinforced. "It was really a question of class," Minani insisted. "In our history, Tutsi were rich, Hum were poor. If you were rich and you became poor,

immediately you became Hutu." None of this is explained to the audience, which is a pity. In fact, the tour is a shambles. The dancers, who perform barefoot, have been ented with cracked sidewalks and hastily built platforms of splintery boards to dance on Their com-mand performance in Swaziland was abruptly canceled because King Mswati III was "indis-posed," and they danced in a shop-

ping center plaza instead.

The troupe's advance man, Atilla Alpman, speaks to the audience, giving only the briefest descriptions of the dances and the dancers' message. It is only when they sit around talking afterward that their feelings come out.

Minani's capacity to forgive is extraordinary. His family was killed by neighbors. "The man who killed my mother is in prison," he said. "The courts will follow this. After we discovered who killed my

whole family. It was a mistake." "Now we are neighbors again. We are sharing. If we have a wedof elephants.

When the songs — the chorus backing the dancers sings with only backing the dancers sings with the dancers sings with the dancers and the dancers sings with the dancers and the dancers are dark the dancers are dark the dancers and the dancers are dark the dancers areal dark the dancers are dark the dancers are dark the dancers ar

Zhang Yimou in Beijing.

PEOPLE

THE widow of June Leanner, against Ono, defended herself against that she was THE widow of John Lennon, Yoko charges by Julian Lennon that she was commercializing his father's legacy, the New York Post reported. Julian, Lennon's son from a first marriage, has criticized Ono for selling works of art created by the former Beatle and li-censing his sketches and lithographs for silk ties and mugs. John Lennon "created drawings and lithographs for commercial use — and even sold many himself," Ono said through her spokesman, Elliot Mintz. Mintz was also quoted as saying that Ono was "really he made after a London concert.

A member of the Spice Girls has scrapped her wedding plans. Melanie Brown, known to her fans as "Scary Spice," called off her engagement to Jimmy Gulzar, a dancer performing with the band on their world tour, six weeks after he proposed, the Sun newspaper reported. The relationship hit the The Alliance for Youth," which rocks while the band was touring the

United States. Victoria Adams, known as "Posh Spice," plans to marry the soccer heartthrob David Beckham, who was blamed for England's exit from the World Cup after he was ejected during the game against Argentina.

The actor Danny Glover dipped his hands in wet cement at Mann's Chinese Theatre in Los Angeles before the premiere of his new film, "Lethal Weapon 4." The movie, which also stars Mel Gibson, Rene Russo, Joe Pesci and Jet Li, opens in the United

Janet Jackson is singing the praises of mentoring. Jackson, whose "Velvet Rope" tour kicks off Thursday in Washington, told about 100 youngsters at a Boys and Girls Club that mentoring kids "an effort I strongly believe in." Jackson will donate part of the proceeds from her tour to "America's Promise provides mentoring opportunities for at-

risk youth. Colin Powell, the retired general, is the organization's chairman.

of a \$15 million production of Puccini's 'Turandot," directed by the Chinese filmmaker and staged in the Forbidden City of Beijing, where the composer originally set it. The eight outdoor performances, conducted by Zubin Mehta. will take place from Sept. 5 to Sept. 13. Alec Baldwin's lawyer won permis-

Zhang Yimou announced the details

sion to refer to a celebrity photographe as a "stalker" when jurors hear dueling lawsuits between the actor and the photographer. A Los Angeles judge also ruled that Baldwin's lawyer can refer to a reported remark by Alan Zanger on the "Leeza" show: "My camera is like a gun, and the stars are my prey. Zanger says Baldwin hit him as the photographer filmed the actor and his wife, Kim Basinger, while they were returning home in October 1995 with their newborn daughter.



Glover after leaving his handprints in cement at Mann's Chinese Theatre



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